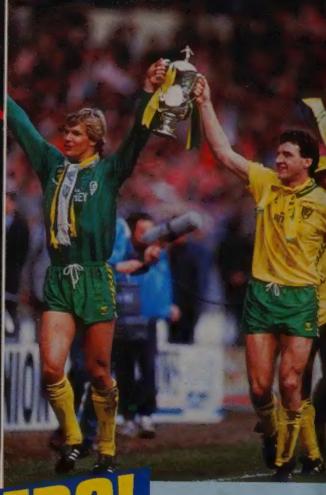


Answers

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1. Norwich City won the 1985 Milk Cup Final at

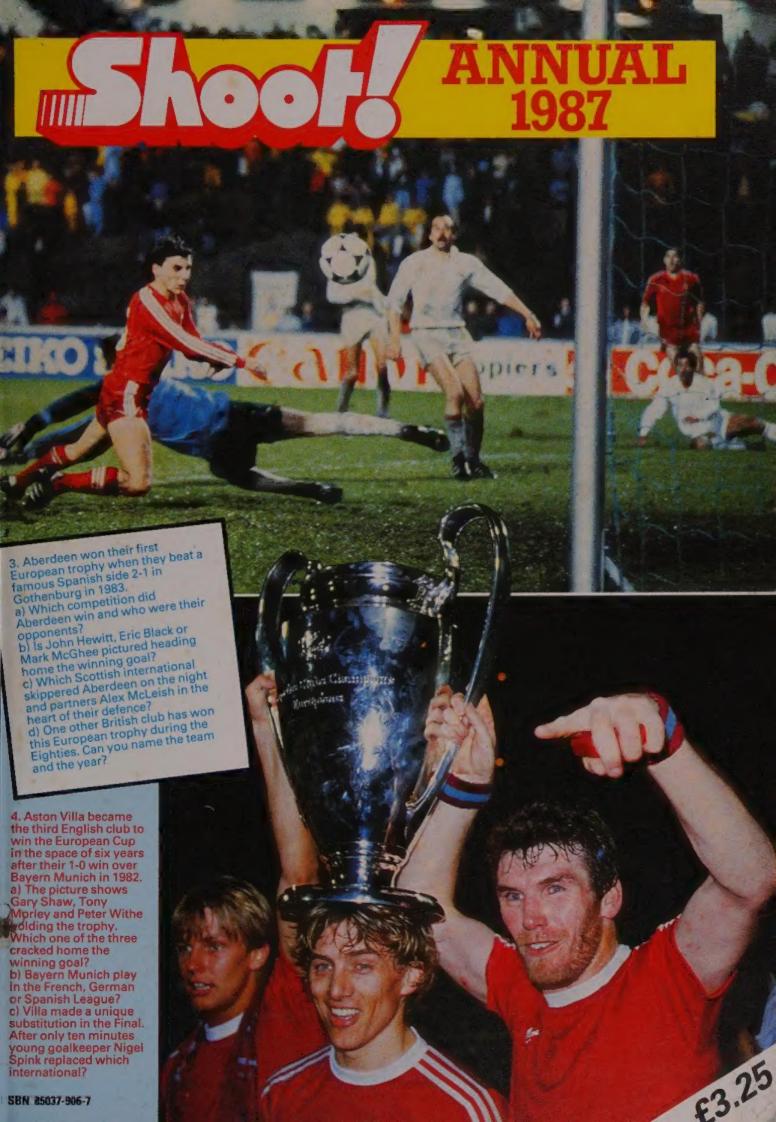


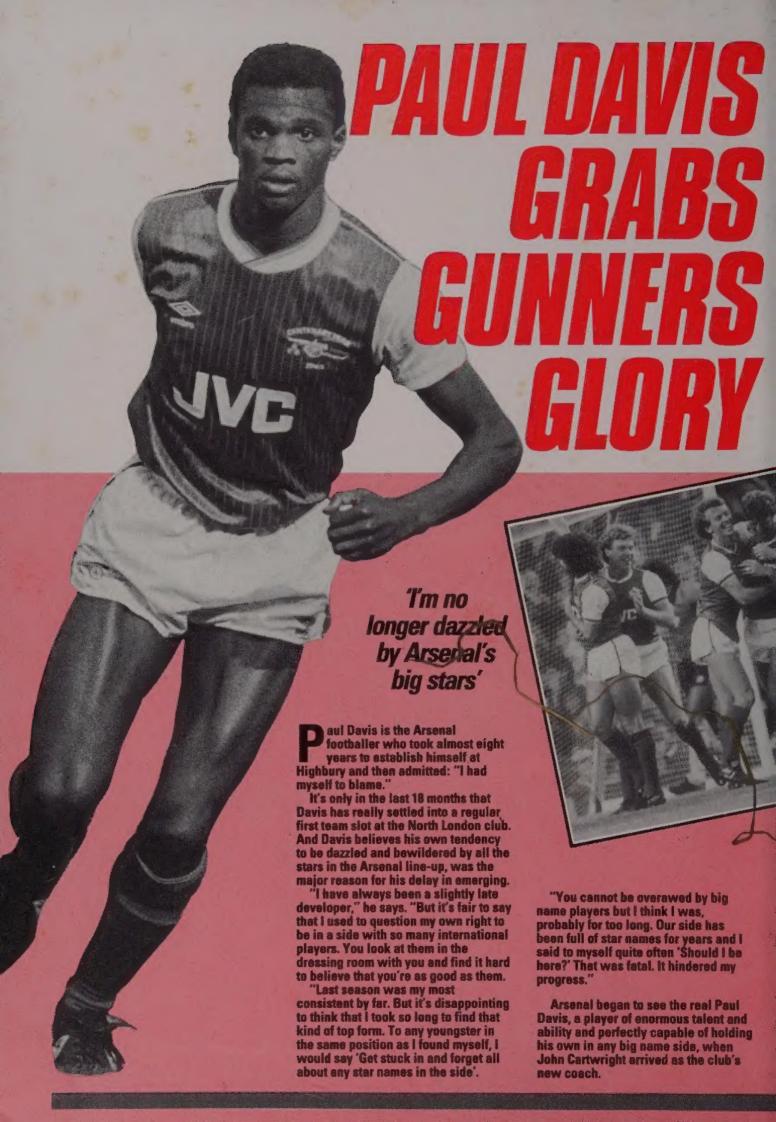
2. Bryan Robson holds aloft the trophy after Manchester United's epic victory over Everton in the 1985 F.A. Cup Final. a) Who scored United's winner in the second-half

of extra-time?
b) Why did Manchester United's central defender
Kevin Moran make history during the game?
c) The Old Trafford side have featured in five F.A.
Cup Finals between 1976 and 1985. Can you name

d) Although Everton failed to win the Wembley showdown they picked up the League Championship and which European trophy to round off a superb season for Howard Kendall's

e) Bobby Robson was obviously impressed by Everton's success and awarded England debuts to three Goodison players during the '85 tour to Meyico and U.S.A. Gary Stayens and Paul Mexico and U.S.A. Gary Stevens and Paul Bracewell were two but who was the other?









Paul lacked confidence before John Cartwright (right) arrived.

"I had a great relationship with John — he got me thinking in a far more positive manner. I have more belief and self confidence and nowadays, I don't doubt my ability to go out there and do well. For years I was lacking that.

"But John made me confident simply by talking to me. He talks about the team game but also your own individual contribution. He was a big help to me and all the other young lads, too.

Naturally it came as a shock when



he and Don Howe left."

Arsenal needed Davis to assert his authority far more than he had been doing. "It's all about taking control of the situation, rather than waiting for things to happen" he says.

"I'm still not as dominating as I would like to be but I'm trying to take command far more than I used to. That comes down to having complete faith in your ability."

Davis joined Arsenal straight from school at 16 and made his first team debut two years later. Early on, he was regarded as a superbly talented player with a big future.

But many years since have produced only frustration. Indeed, Davis now admits the thought of leaving Arsenal went through his mind on more than one occasion.

"It has probably taken me longer than it should have done to succeed here. And during some of those frustrating years, I began to wonder if I would ever make it at Arsenal. You begin to wonder whether you are good enough to be successful at such a big club as Arsenal.

Struggling

"But I stuck it out and it has come right for me. And I'm glad I did. Because I believe in the next few years, I can show the First Division what I'm really capable of. In the days when I was struggling, people would say 'Don't worry about the internationals'.

"But that is easier said than done. I admit I was a bit star struck at certain times."

Many youngsters like Paul have come through the Highbury talent factory in the past year or so to prove that First Division clubs don't always have to spend fortunes on recruiting players of talent.

Davis adds: "Since this last season, I have felt far more comfortable in the side. I'm also more positive in all I do as well as my attitude. I'm pleased with the way things have gone for me recently and I believe Highbury fans will see the real me in the future."



wanted to sell. Within 12 months they were gone. Liverpool developed into the best team in Europe.

Dalglish was equally tough. He sold Alan Kennedy to Sunderland, Phil Thompson to Sheffield United, made it clear Phil Neal was on the way out of his plans — and built for the future.

manager Kenny Dalglish.

As the Liverpool squad changed and became younger, so Dalglish let his own playing days wind down to the bench and, finally, emergency

appearances only.

Steve McMahon was signed from Aston Villa and quickly became a suc-

cess with the fans.

A former Everton player and a local lad, McMahon was desperate to return to Merseyside and repaid his new manager with goals, flair and sheer hard work in a new-look midfield.

With Neal on the way out, Steve Nicol, a hard-tackling and skilful young Scotland can was moved from

young Scotland cap was moved from a midfield to right-back — and be-came a quality defender.

Nicol's ability to overlap, see open-

allow Kennedy to leave.

allow Kennedy to leave.

Beglin, a gifted Irishman and already playing for the Republic, was described by Wales striker Ian Rush as: "The most exciting and most talented young player at Anfield."

He has settled down well at left-back, sweeping into the attack, swinging over superb crosses and pushing up on opponents, driving them into their own half.

Bruce Grobbelaar held his place as

Bruce Grobbelaar held his place as number one goalkeeper, forcing Bob

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degree.

What mattered was the speed at which he settled into Liverpool's ways and became a part of the set-up.
Said Rush: "He is just the right kind of personality for the joking and pranks that go on in our dressing."

But the signing that caught all of football off guard was Wayne Harrison, a 17 year old striker who was just

beginning to make a name at Oldham.

beginning to make a name at Oldham. While other managers started to watch him and discuss him, Joe Fagan, the man who was to give way to Kenny Dalglish, swooped.

Harrison was signed in a blaze of publicity ... then loaned back to Oldham for the rest of season 1984-85.

"I want the lad to feel settled and relaxed," said Dalglish: "So I had a chat with Oldham manager Joe Royle.
"Wayne went back to his club and, after the initial fuss, got on with learn-

ing his trade. That way I was assured the lad continued playing League football, improved and developed." Harrison arrived at Anfield at the start of the next season and, as Rush explained: "Stood out as a natural

"He has pace, a quick brain and lovely skills on the bail. I predict a big future for him if he continues to develop the way he is going."

Another of the young players who comprise the 'new' Liverpool.



CLOSE ENCOUNTER as Aston Villa's midfield star Steve Hodge and Colin Walsh of Nottingham Forest do battle in last season's match at Villa Park.

Shoot fires the questions you've

Through getting injured so much, do you think you let down Manchester United? Couldn't you be more careful?

Robson: If I'm on the sidelines that is no use at all to my manager. I don't go out of my way to get injured but when you become as involved as I do in midfield tackling, you suffer these knocks. I can't change my style, I go in hard, always have done, and sometimes finish up getting the worst of it.

What do you enjoy most, captaining England or Manchester United?

Robson: They're very different jobs. Nothing has been more important to my career than being asked to captain England. England manager Bobby Robson made me realise the honour involved in that job. He, and Ron Greenwood, restored pride to England after a few years when our international players had lost their way. I'd play for England for nothing! To be captain of Manchester United is the greatest reward in League football.

Your goal-scoring is erratic, one month scoring with every shot, the next a barren spell. Can you explain that?

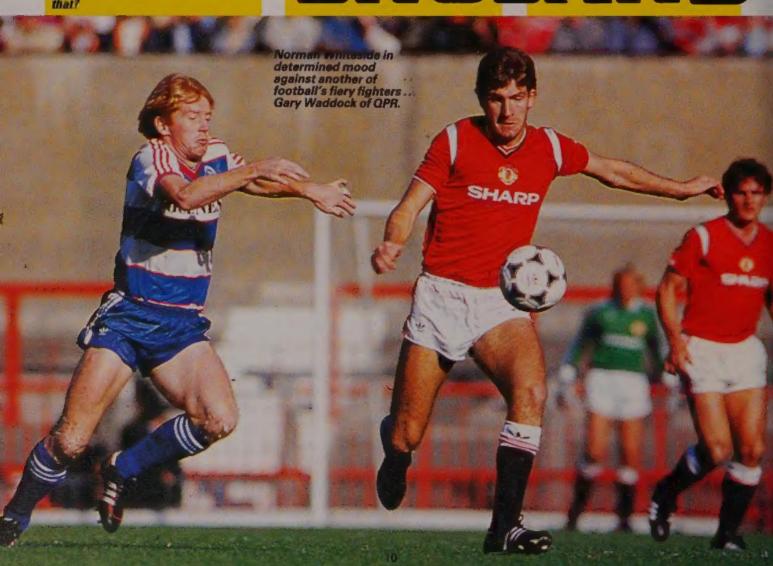
Robson: I know what you mean. At Manchester United I try to average 15 goals a season from midfield—and my England record is not bad. I tend to go scoreless when the manager has asked me to play a more defensive midfield role. There have been days I can well remember when I was happy to sit back at Old Trafford with Norman Whitside, Jesper Olsen, Gordon Strachan, Mark Hughes, Frank Stapleton and Peter Barnes bursting forward for a crack at goal. If you've got too many men up front you tend to leak goals at the back. England has been the same. If the line-up allows, I'll go forward and, hopefully, score goals.

Isn't it true that Manchester United never properly replaced Ray Wilkins? Robson: I can't accept that as well as Ray played for Manchester United. Give Gordon Strachan credit for what his arrival did for Old Trafford. We changed our style when Ray left. In many respects I think it was better.

You're always going on about Norman Whiteside. What's so special about him?

Robson: That sounds a rather sour question. Norman's record says more than anything I can tell you. He was the youngest player to appear in a World Cup Finals, in 1982, and won F.A. Cup medals all before the age of 20. My bet is that Norman will be around the Irish scene long enough to threaten Pat Jennings' record number of caps for

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Why are wingers like John Barnes, Chris Waddle and Peter Barnes so erratic?

Robson: Mayor because we don't go; them counts of die ball, how a ryou play it rate standing on a ring strong for transport of services. Their style accountable of services. Their style accountable of their day countable of services will lose the a stoccas one is a you by to wait the actual of his hock was is playing a few and a late of the countable of the late of the countable of the late of the l control with back one is playing out of his all a year can find where it control four tops made inceeds made inceeds in the book made inceeds in the book made inceeds give you the book five and the crowd give you the book five and form and there are transfer at the five and form and the five and the fiv

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Who are the greatest players you've seen at home and abroad?

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Can you become the longest serving England captain?

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to ask people to near the two go ill cepers who have coperated the coordinates to Verno Cop success There have been two: Discover to Italy, in 1982 and Combi, for Italy, way back in 1884

Which England goal has given you most pieasure?

Robson. That first goal of three Fry and scored against framee in the 1987 World Cup Finals it carro in 27 seconds I can remember thinking as that had went in the net we can win the World Lup'.

What's your idea of a good day off?

Rouson: Get up at 960, read the papers, go for a swim with the kids, have a good lunch, maybe a lager of the pub run hy former Scotland and Minchester United size Pat Crerand

The future?

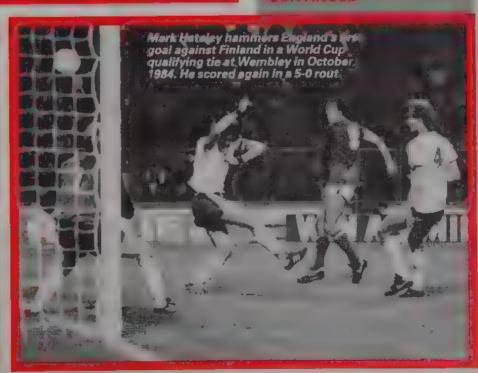
Rossen I never think about it I just thank my main and dad for all the ancouragement they gave me when I had no idea I would one day captain England and Manchester tinted I've loved every moment, playing a great sport

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are two of the best midfield men of

are two of the best midfield men of my time. I haven't seen too many players to match Trever Prancis. That pace, it could ki I you off.

There are others—Peter Shiften, Pat Jennings, Ray Clemence; Aran Hansen, Mark Lawrenson, Paul McGrath, Liam Brady in his Arsenal days; Prank Stapleton, Terry Butcher Mark Wright, Gary Lineter, Glenn Hoddie, I shall never forget what Mark Hateley did for kegland's World Cop qualification in 1986 Kenny Dalphsh, Paul McStay lan Rush and Mark Hudhos, Gordon Strachan, Peter Barnes, Jesper Oisen ... oh' the list is endless Cyrille Regis has a place in my heard from our Viest Brom days. And if I said John Vile my old teammate at West Brim, I d know that those who we lore used the fortunes of Anion will accept what I'm saving All special players in my mind







Manage a laugh



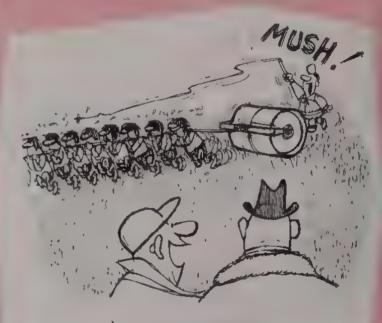
"They're gonna write home and tell my mum and dad about me."



"Meet our new 'keeper, coach!"



"In view of our unfortunate habit of missing open goals — I've devised this new training scheme."



"Not only does it toughen their muscles, boss—it also rolls the pitch,"















PAUL McSTAY

Scotland skipper

A product of the prolific Celtic Boys' Club, Paul McStay has risen from that nursery to become the Rolls-Royce of Scotland's midfield.

His 5ft 10in frame, lean and well muscled, glides classically through the Parkhead mud for Celtic to revive memories of former golden midfield generals.

He broke into Scotland's team in 1984-85 and became a prominent member of the national side in the 1986 World Cup Finals.

A former Scotland Under-21 international, he has become a permanent fixture in both Celtic and Scotland midfields since turning professional in 1977.

Still only 21, Hamilton born McStay, brother of Celtic's Willie McStay, is a strong candidate to take over the Scotland captaincy from Graeme Souness when he retires from the international arena.



IAN RUSH 'Killer'

I an Rush's phenomenal goal-scoring for Wales and Liverpool has made him one of Europe's deadliest marksmen.

No British striker has commanded greater respect on the Continent than the 6ft 2in hitman Rush.

He served notice of his goal-scoring ability when Liverpool forked out £300,000 to sign him from Chester in May,

Since then he has featured heavily in all Liverpool's trophy winning exploits.

No players has been marked more heavily than Rush in recent seasons, but his electrifying pace and unerring eye for a half chance have left defenders for dead.

He forms a lethal goal-scoring combination with Mark Hughes, and it was through no fault of theirs that Wales failed to qualify for the 1986 World Cup.

Rush, PFA Player of the Year in 1984, has outstripped or kept pace with leading First Division strikers ever since winning a first team place at Liverpool.

That 'killer' instinct around goal propels him into the £1 million bracket as a bargain!



Wembley winner

N orman Whiteside has accomplished more in five years at Manchester United than some players do in a lifetime.

He has played in two World Cups for Northern Ireland and enjoyed the distinction in the two F.A. Cup Final appearances he made against Brighton and Everton in 1983 and 1985.

All that by the age of 20. His rapid development after being discovered by the legendary Manchester United scout in Northern Ireland, Bob Bishop, has sent his name into the record books.

In playing for Northern Ireland in the 1982 World Cup, Whiteside became the youngest player to

take part in the Finals. Who did he succeed? None other than Pele!

But Whiteside has risen into the £1 million bracket only since

departing from his striking role in favour of withdrawn duties on the left side of midfield.

It was from a midfield position that he picked up the ball to crack the winner against Everton in 1985.

If he ever became available, many of the Europe clubs would leap for his signature at £1 million plus.





hen it comes to taking on the world in boots. nobody has more first-hand experience than Watford's former England striker Luther Blissett.

The Jamaican born forward, who progressed through the

Being dumped shattered As he thundered in goals during Watford's promotion march from Division Four in 1978 the 'experts' predicted he would struggle to

keep up his prolific finishing in the higher division.

But Blissett kept it up all the way through the League until The Hornets celebrated their debut season in Division One as runners up to Liverpool in 1982-83!

"I suppose they were fed up being proved wrong for a while," says Blissett: "but those same critics were back when I started

playing for England. I actually hit a hat-trick in only my second game as we crushed Luxembourg 9-0 at Wembley. Did I hear the popping of Champagne corks? No, I heard people whining about the chances I'd missed that

"I decided then to ignore it once and for all. What more can a man do in this game?

Graham Taylor.



When Italian club AC Milan handed Watford a £1 million for Blissett in the summer of 1983, he left his beloved Watford watery-eyed but determined to

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make the grade abroad. "I grew up out there. I was alone, on and off the field, and homesick. But I gave them my all. They expected me to wander about up front on my own, get the ball at my feet then take on the tightest, hardest defenders in the world game.

"I only scored five goals in 30 games during my stay and people claimed I was done for, found out,



Forced to operate on a shoestring yet they've turned small clubs into giants.

and a fairly average League club manager a cheque for £5 million and the freedom to go out and buy any player he fancies in the world and the chances are that he will build up a highly successful team after recovering from the shock of receiving the handsome gift.

Complete freedom to buy more or less who they like gives Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish and big spending **Manchester United boss Ross Atkinson** a golden opportunity to keep their teams high and mighty in the Championship stakes.

Money is no object either at Sours. Arsenal and Everton, who use their bulging bank balances to splash out large sums on some of Europe's finest players.

But what of the lesser clubs and the men who run their playing affairs on a shoestring?

In many respects these managers, forced to wheel and deal and confined to the small provincial town clubs of England, deserve greater credit than they receive.

Some say they are the best in the

Money doesn't make Kenny Dalglish a better manager than Ken Brown, the **Norwich City manager** who has built several highly successful teams in his time running the proud East

Anglian club. Can Ron Atkinson, free to bid and buy anywhere he likes, count himself a better boss than David Pleat. the Luton Town chief?

lt is perhaps significant that the last two England managers have been plucked from the homely confines of two of the First Division's smaller

Ron Greenwood strode proudly into F.A. headquarters from West Ham, and Bobby Robson sharpened the talents that were to lead to Lancaster Gate from the cold, windswept wastes of East Anglian Ipswich Town.

They were considered to be the best managers available at the time of their appointment and neither had had an opportunity to spend millions in the transfer market.

Has there been a better manager in Britain since the War than Brian

Clough, often tipped to take control of England but never allowed to do the job for fear that his unconventional attitude would upset officialdom, has spent big money, very big money in his association with Nottingham Forest since January 1975.

But most of the time he has been forced to build teams on a limited budget.

The heydey of rocketing transfer deals, which saw Forest spend a record £1,250,000 on Ian Wallace (Coventry) in July 1980, and indulge in other staggering transfers involving Trevor Francis and Justin Fashanu, has given way to more restrained Cloughie

Many would argue that the old warhorse has been at his most astute since tucking the cheque-book in his back pocket and concentrating on building star players from spotty faced newcomers.

It is a long time since Forest won the European Cup twice in 1979 and 1980. yet even since the financial constraints were imposed on Clough's regime he has kept his Forest side in strong contention for all the major trophies without making anything like the same impact in Europe that they had at the end of the Seventies.

The rise of Nottingham born defender Chris Fairclough, Peter Davenport, his own son Nigel, and Franz Carr testify to the skills of a Clough now relying mainly on player judgement than any big business

David Pleat is another giant at a

Above: Graham Taylor. Left: David Pleat.



since Pleat took over the reigns at Kenilworth Road in 1978 is a tribute to his undeniable flair.

His record in the transfer market is just as good as Brian Clough's. One of his shrewdest buys is England centre-half Steve Foster, snapped-up from Aston Villa for just £70,000. Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, Mick Harford,

Ricky Hill, Brian Štein, Mick Harford, Foster; Peter Nicholas (Wales); Mal Donaghy (N. Ireland); Ashley Grimes (Republic of Ireland); and Nwajiobi (Nigeria) are all better players for Pleat's special brand of soccer knowledge and ability to motivate everyone on his staff.

Taylor for England

It is no surprise that Graham Taylor has been frequently tipped to manage the England national team.

Again, he has impressed the FA hierarchy with his ability to succeed in management at a club run on a tight hudget

He showed his spurs in steering Lincoln to the Fourth Division title in 1976 and it was only a matter of time after arrival at Watford that they should take-off into the big time.

Division Two runners-up in 1982, Division One runners-up in 1983 illustrates the rapid strides Taylor made at Watford.

He will readily admit the debt he owes club Chairman Elton John, but Taylor embodies so many of the strengths English football needs if it is to recapture its pride.

Taylor relies heavily on flair, ambition, plain commonsense, loyalty to his players, and a clear sight of what he is trying to achieve.

He is certainly not a 'win at all costs' merchant.

To Graham Taylor, the game of football is almost more important than the prize. He wants to carry off the trophies as much as the next man, but there is a quiet dignity about the way this man works, something that many other managers could do well to emulate.

Lawrie McMenemy, boss of Sunderland, is another proud member of this elite gallery of managers.

He hardly had a bean to spend at Southampton, yet turned a small but proud team going nowhere into one of



Forest's Peter Davenport (centre) and Brian Rice (left), testify to the skill of a Brian Clough no longer able to pay big fees for players.

the First Division's most formidable sides.

He took them to the 1976 F.A. Cup Final and watched proudly as they beat Manchester United to lift the Cup. They were League Cup runners-up in 1979 under his command — again with a necessary penny-pinching campaign that saw Southampton reach heights previous regimes had often contemplated but never accomplished.

Lawrie McMenemy was very much a big fish in a 12 year reign. He thought big, acted big, and bagged big headlines for his club.

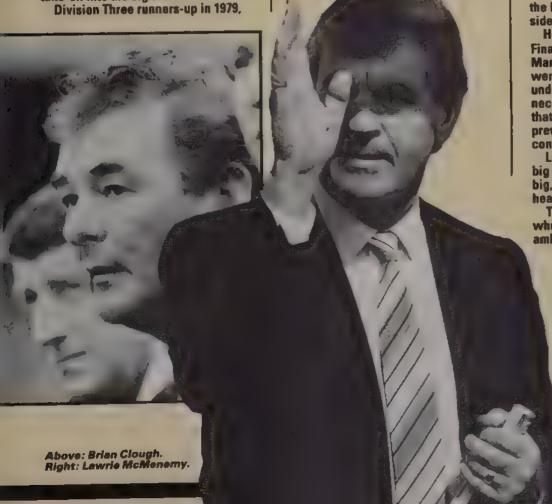
They came no bigger than they did when McMenemy's charm and ambition lured Kevin Keegan back into

First Division football.

He could have gone to Manchester United, Arsenal, Chelsea or Everton — but he chose Southampton. The Lawrie McMenemy charm school had worked a treat.

Given pots of money to spend and the freedom to run one of the big city clubs, it is mind-boggling to consider what Messrs. Clough, Pleat, Taylor and McMenemy would achieve.

Maybe, they are happier where they are.
Giants in their own right.



Which two pictures are identical?







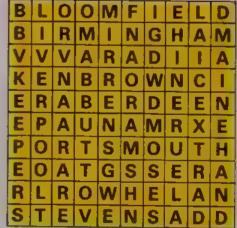




Unscramble the letters to find the birthplaces of these three players.

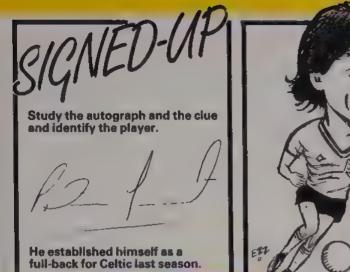


Below are listed a number of clues, the answers to which can be found spelt out Down or Across only in the square of letters. Draw a line around each of these answers and when you have done this in every case there will be 12 letters which you have not used These letters (reading across and travelling downwards) will spell the name of an English First Division club's ground.



- (1) Gary —, Spurs midfielder. (7) (2) Remi —, of Man. United. (5) (3) City, The Blues. (10) (4) Norwich City manager. (3 &

- (5) St. —, Scottish club. (6) (6) Imre —, WBA striker. (6) (7) Bruce Grobbelaar for
- instance! (6) Road, Blackpool's ground. (10)
- (9) Pompey is their nickname. (10)
- (10) Gary —, Everton defender. (7) (11) Road, home of Man. City.
 - (5)
- (12) Ronnie —, Liverpool midfielder. (6)
- (13) -time is played in Cup-ties.
- (14) Scottish Champions in 1984-85. (8) (15) —-ball is not allowed. (4)
- (16) They won the European Cup
- (17) The -, of Derby County. (4)





ROBINS ROUTE

Help Bryan Robson find his way to goal without meeting a defender.

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Canaries crack Wembley jinx

hen Norwich lifted the Milk Cup in 1985 it was a case of third time lucky.

The Canaries had been to Wembley twice before in the competition's pre-sponsorship days when it was known simply as the League Cup.

Ron Saunders was the City boss when they were beaten 1-0 by Tottenham Hotspur in 1973. And two years later, when Norwich had John Bond at the helm, Saunders saw his new club, Aston Villa, triumph by the samm accreling.

But all that was forgotten on Sunday,

March 24, 1985, when Ken Brown's boys defeated Sunderland 1-0 to give the Carrow Road club their biggest-ever trophy success.

Norwich did win the old-style
League Cup in 1962 with a two-leg
defeat of Rochdale but the competition
was in its infancy and snubbed by the
major clubs who didn't think it had a
future!

n 1907, when The Canaries were still members of the Southern League, they produced one of the biggest shocks in FA Cup history by beating holders Sheffield Wednesday.

Just one year later Reading objected

Record run... then saved from extinction!

to the size of City's ground, The Nest, and their FA Cup clash was switched to Stamford Bridge.

The tie went to a second replay at Villa Park which Norwich won and they went on to beat Liverpool at Anfield before their Cup campaign was ended by Bristol City.

In the 1950's, by which time their present Carrow Road ground had been opened, Norwich claimed some famous FA Cup scalps.

In 1951 they eliminated Liverpool for the second time and three years later went to Highbury and dumped the mighty Arsenal out of the competition.

Stunned

But it was in 1959 that their Cup exploits stunned the whole of football. Manchester United, Cardiff City, Tottenham Hotspur and Sheffield United were all beaten before The Canaries lost to Luton Town in a Semi-Final replay.

And that record run came just two years after the club almost went out of business due to a financial crisis which was averted by the launching of an appeal fund!

Manager Brown's double

Norwich boss Ken Brown joined an elite group when he led The Canaries to a memorable Milk Cup triumph in 1985.

Mick Channon (left)...one of manager Ken Brown's shrewdest signings.





He became one of a select band of football personalities who have been Wembley winners as players and managers.

Ken was centre-half in the West Ham United side that defeated Preston North End in the 1964 FA Cup Final.

Watson's shock move

Skipper Dave Watson has been worth his weight in gold to Norwich.

He was still a turnayur when he moved from Liverpool in 1980 in a £50,000 deal. But his value soared as he established himself at Carrow Road and graduated to international status.

There were no complaints from Norwich when they had to fork out a further £50,000 after he had completed a specified number of appearances.

Or when they had to send an extra £100,000 in the direction of Anfield after

Dave's debut for Emyland in the historic 2-0 defeat of Brazil in the Maracana Stadium during the summer of 1984.

Scouser Dave, a regular on the Kop as a youngster, had been a sheet metal worker before becoming a full-time professional. And Liverpool had to think twice before letting him go.

Indeed, as Dave recalls, his transfer to Norwich was a surprise for everyone concerned.

"They were interested in Colin Irwin," he remembers, "but after seeing a reserve game they switched their attention to yours truly.

"It was a wrench to leave Anfield at the time because I had high hopes of making the grade there. But I got my chance in the First Division and with England because of Norwich so I have no regrets."

Dave, who also won seven England Under-21 caps, was Brown's first signing for the club. He took over as captain following the departure of Northern Ireland international Martin O'Neill to Notts County in the summer of 1982

Meanwhile, back at Anfield, another member of the Watson clan is being tipped for the top.

Younger brother Alex, an England youth cap, is reckoned to have a bright future

A matter

- Norwich City were founded in 1902. Three years later they turned professional and were elected to the Southern Leage. They were founder members of Division III (South) in 1920 and in 1935 moved to their present Carrow Road headquarters.
- Their amazing record of 23 draws in 42 League games during the 1978-79 season was the highest-ever since the Football League was founded.
- Norwich have twice sold players for £1 million. Kevin Reeves went to Manchester City in March, 1980, and in August the following year Justin Fashanu moved to Nottingham Forest.
- Fire destroyed the main stand at Carrow Road in October, 1984, wiping out the dressing rooms, Boardroom and guest lounges. The club lost many valuable items of memorabilia.
- Back in the First Division as 1985-86 Champions of the Second Division, Norwich will be aiming to improve on their best ever League position ... 10th in the First in 1975-76.

Football can thrust a player to the heights — and cast him into despair. Four stars talk about contrasting moments of iov and heartache.

PHIL THOMPSON Sheffield Utd

marvellous to be signed as an apprentice with Liverpool, rub shoulders with my schoolboy heroes, and become one of the select few to become a first team regular. Along with Phil Neal, I hold the record for the number of Championship medals won with the club - a magnificent

MAGIC: As a local lad, it was

MISERY: I must hold the most unwanted record at Antield for the number of injuries I sustained and which blocked me from gaining even more honours with the club. My injury list would match that of someone run over by a steamroller: two cartilage operations; a broken wrist; chipped ankle bones; torn ligaments; broken collarbone; broken nose (twice). And then when I was on loan to Sheffield United — a great club — I suffered a collapsed lung.

MAGIC: Being made captain of my country ranks as my biggest international thrill. And it came about by accident! A friendly against Bulgaria had been fogged off at Wembley, Captain Kevin Keegan couldn't stay for the rearranged game on the Thursday, as Hamburg needed him, and manager Ron Greenwood staggered me by saying: 'You're captain of the League Champions,

MISERY: It was a real sickener not reaching the 1982 World Cup Semi-Finals at least in Spain. We only conceded one goal and it was cruel luck that left us goalless



AND

Last season was misery for West Brom's Steve Hunt (stripes).

STEVE HUNT West Brom

MAGIC: Signing for New York Cosmos in the North American Soccer League and playing alongside World-famous stars, such as Pele and Beckenbauer, was a tremendous thrill. I was with them for two seasons in the late Seventies and returned for another season in 1982, and collected three Soccer Bowl Championships medals. I learnt more from those stars than from any coaches.

MISERY: Last season was the most depressing I've ever experienced. We had such a lot of quality players, yet couldn't get our act together and struggled from start to finish. A real downer.

MAGIC: I really thought I was making the start of a long run for England when I came on as substitute at Hampden Park against Scotland in 1984. The football wasn't too different from that at club level. The pace was quicker and it suited me. We ended up with a 1-1 draw.

MISERY: My next appearance was again as a sub, this time against Russia at Wembley. Whereas I knew most of the Scots side, the Russians were complete strangers and knowing nothing about them did make it difficult. We lost 2-0. I got into the squad against Turkey, but sat on the bench as England won 8-0. Then Manager Bobby Robson dropped me - and it's still a mystery why!





PAUL STURROCK Dundee Utd

MAGIC: Being part of the first
Dundee United side to take the
Premier Division Championship flag is
something that will thrill me forever.
It was a real cliff-hanger of an ending
to the 1982-83 season, when we
needed to take both points in a match
against our neighbours Dundee. We
won 2-1. It meant that at last we
ranked alongside the very top teams
in Scotland and became a force to be
feared.

MISERY: It still horts to recall the disgraceful way we crashed out of the European Cup competition in 1984. We'd played our hearts out in the first-lag of the Semi-Finals at home to Italian club Roma, and went to Rome with a 2-0 lead. At least eight of us — including me — hardly put a foot right on the night and the Italians justly thrashed us 3-0 to go through to the Final with Liverpool!

MAGIC: I scored my first goal for Scotland in a World Cup qualifier against Portugal in Lisbon. But unfortunately we lost 1-2, and no one in Britain saw my goal because of a strike by Portuguese TV people. But I'll never forget that strike by me!

MISERY: No one but another professional footballer knows how soul-destroying it is to have to pull out of playing in a game through injury. It's murder sitting around waiting for it to mend and also worrying about whether your place is in jeopardy.

Paul Sturrock (second left) helped Dundee United to their first Top Ten





Peter Beardaley made his England debut against Egypt.

FETER BEARDSLEY Newcastle Utd

MAGIC: Being a Geordie, what greater thrill could I have than sign for Newcastle United. I'd started my career with Carlisle, then had two spells with Vancouver Whitecaps, with a period at Manchester United between, and it was marvellous to find myself at St. James' Park.
Football's a strange game, you just never know what fate has in store.

MISERY: My greatest disappointment was not getting a single League game with Manchester United. I've nothing against the club. The fact is, the team had such a great

run — getting into two Cup Finals and finishing third in the League — I just didn't get the opportunity to show what I could do.

MAGIC: To appear for England on my first time in the squad has to be marvellous. I got on the field for the last 35 minutes in the World Cup warm-up against Egypt. We won 4-0. I was a bit annoyed that the Press tended to concentrate on Peter Shilton's great performance in goal. The other players performed just as well.

MISERY: I can't say that so far I've had anything to complain about when it comes to playing for England. I know it'll hit me really hard when the day comes I don't get the call!

ost footballers have the same schoolboy admiration for superstars from other sports that young signature hunters have for their professional game.

The greatest living sportsman for most footballers in the past 20 years has been the former World Heavyweight Champion

Muhammad Ali.

Boxing's King was the public's favourite throughout the Sixties and Seventies — and hardly a footballer in the land failed to respond to Ali's ring magic.

Ali's special brand of hype 'I shall float like a butterfly, sting like a bee' sent him soaring to the top of opinion polls reflected by

FOCUS MANA L

Muhammad Ali A big hit with our top stars

Shoot's highly popular weekly series 'Focus'.

"Favourite other sportsman?" posed Focus. No hesitation. No other candidate. All the soccer stars supported Muhammad Ali.

Today, Ali is not forgotten and never will be. He is a legend. But a host of other world superstars have risen in the ranks of their various sports to win the hearts of the modern stars.

Boxing has never quite found anyone to replace the 'Greatest', but Sugar Ray Leonard's brief but explosive career shot him to favour and Marvellous Marvin Hagler has a host of admirers this

side of the Atlantic.

Barry McGuigan, the 'Clones
Cyclone', is likely to remain one of
Britain's favoured sons for several
years, but since Ali departed the
scene other sports have had a
chance to improve their Focus

ratings.

Chelsea's Scottish striker David Speedie admires the fluent running of Olympic Champion

Sebastian Coe.

Speedie, who spends a lot of time wielding a camera when he is not scoring goals for Chelsea, has yet to capture Coe on film but cannot disguise his admiration for the great athlete.

"Unlike most athletes," says Speedie, "Seb has always managed to bounce back after injury to silence his critics."

Speedie's top player from the world of football is not British!

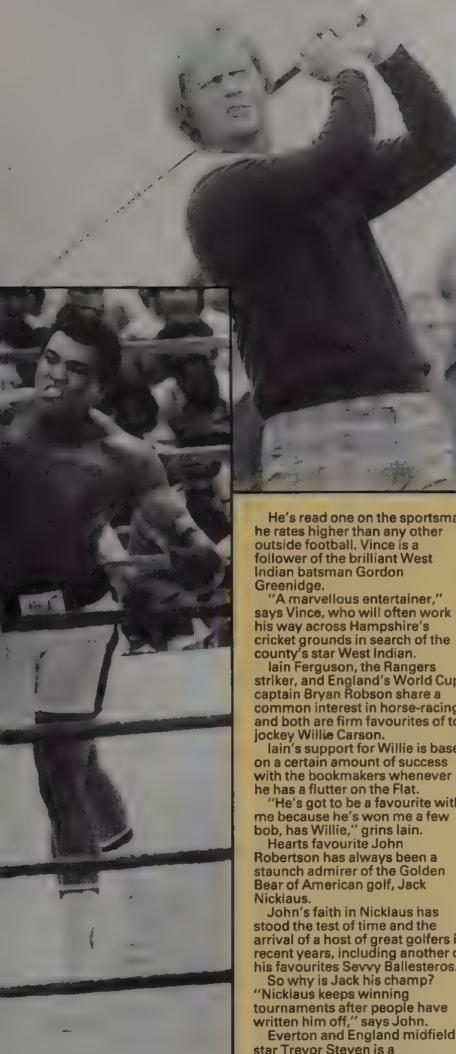
He's French star Michel Platini.
"Quite simply," says Speedie:
"Michel has got the lot."

Portsmouth forward Vince
Hilaire likes nothing better than to
go home from training, put his
feet up in front of the fire, and
open a book.

Not any old book. Hilaire is a student of cricket and has worked his way through a host of books on the summer game.

Right: The player's Champion Muhammad Ali on his way to victory over Britain's Joe Bugner. Below: Gordon Greenidge is





Olympic colossus Daley Thompson for no other reason than 'Daley is a superb all-round athlete'.

Sheffield Wednesday forward Brian Marwood declares a dead-heat when asked by 'Focus' to name his favourite from other

He goes for top Ryder Cup golfer Sandy Lyle and wonder athlete Steve Cram.

"They have done so much for British sport," says Brian.

Billy Hamilton, one of the most popular players to come out of Northern Ireland, cannot be shifted from backing one of his fellow countrymen.



Left: John Robertson is a fan of Above: Trevor Steven had no hesitation naming Daley Thompson as the sportsman he

No doubt in Billy's mind. His vote goes to Barry McGuigan, the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year in 1985 on the strength of his World Championship exploits.

Guess who Scotland winger Pat Nevin goes for. Not Viv Richards, the West Indian Test star. Not Daley Thompson. No, not Alain Prost, from the world of motor racing, or top Jocky Steve Cauthen.

What about John McEnroe? Not, he's not a favourite either.

Pat Nevin, often described as a 'thinking footballer' with a string of academic qualifications to match his wizardry on Chelsea's wing, has a Champion few Shoot readers have ever heard of.

Pat's choice is Jim Morrison.

Jim who?

Says Nevin: "Jim Morrison, a basketball player from Scotland".

Today, tomorrow, next year new favourites will win the approval of our top soccer stars, but none of them will ever forget the impact that Muhammad Ali made in our Focus columns all those years ago.

He's read one on the sportsman he rates higher than any other outside football. Vince is a follower of the brilliant West Indian batsman Gordon

"A marvellous entertainer," says Vince, who will often work his way across Hampshire's cricket grounds in search of the county's star West Indian.

lain Ferguson, the Rangers striker, and England's World Cup captain Bryan Robson share a common interest in horse-racing, and both are firm favourites of top

lain's support for Willie is based on a certain amount of success with the bookmakers whenever he has a flutter on the Flat.

"He's got to be a favourite with

Robertson has always been a staunch admirer of the Golden Bear of American golf, Jack

John's faith in Nicklaus has stood the test of time and the arrival of a host of great golfers in recent years, including another of his favourites Sevvy Ballesteros.

So why is Jack his champ? "Nicklaus keeps winning tournaments after people have written him off," says John.

star Trevor Steven is a self-confessed admirer of Britain's





sk the country's top defenders to nominate their most dangerous opponent and one name is certain to be well to the fore.

Even if the question was asked of players on both sides of the border the answer might be the same-

mighty Mo Johnston! The blond striker terrorised defences in England following a £200,000 move from Partick Thistle to Watford and he has continued in the same vein since his £400,000 return to

It was Mo's brilliant record of 40 goals in just 85 League appearances for his first club, Partick Thistle, that persuaded Watford boss Graham

Taylor to take the plunge.
The gamble paid rich dividends. Mo
was The Hornets' leading marksman in the 1983-84 season with 24 goals -not bad considering he didn't move South until after more than a quarter of the fixtures had been completed.

He started with a double blank as Watford, just three places off the bottom after finishing runners-up the previous year, lost to both Manchester United and Luton.

But a hat-trick in the 5-0 annihilation of Wolves earned Johnston instant fame and he reaped a harvest of 20 League goals before the end of the campaign to haul his

team to mid-table respectability.

Another four goals helped steer Watford to a first-ever FA Cup Final appearance. They lost the Wembley showdown with Everton 2-0 but it was a memorable day for the homely Hertfordshire outfit who, just a few years earlier, seemed trapped in the lower reaches of the League set-up.

Home sick

But Johnston's stay at Watford was punctuated with as many trips home to Scotland as goals. And eventually the club agreed to let him move on with less than a quarter of his contract completed.

The player got his wish of a transfer to Celtic, the club he had supported since childhood. And Watford brought a smile to their bank manager's face by charging twice as much as they'd paid for him just 11 months earlier.

In just 38 League games for the

Vicarage Road side Johnston had scored 23 goals and the fans flooded into Parkhead to see his debut in the famous green and white hoops of his new club.

Again the scoring statistics were impressive. His 27 League appearances produced 14 goals and a further five were scored en route to Hampden Park where he helped Celtic defeat Dundee United to lift the Scottish Cup.

At international level, too, Johnston has regularly been among the goals. His debut was as a substitute against Wales when, typically, he fired the winning goal in Scotland's 2-1

And not even the ruthless defending of Spain could stop him grabbing a brilliant double in a vital 3-1 World Cup qualifying victory that steered the Scots a step nearer Mexico.

Still only 23, Johnston can look forward to many more years of goalscoring at the top level for both

club and country.
That's good news for followers of
Celtic and Scotland.



THE THINGS THEY SAY ABOUT ... STEVE PERRYMAN

One cap wonder

We study the career of one of the game's outstanding personalities through the things that have been said about him by friends and rivals.

CHARLIE FAULKNER, the scout who spotted Steve Perryman for Spurs in 1966:

"I first saw Steve when he made his debut for Ealing Schoolboys. He was only a tiny tot but covered acres of ground and had ability to go with his enthusiasm. I knew he had great potential and tried to talk him into signing for Spurs, but he wanted time to think things over because Arsenal, West Ham and his local club Queens Park Rangers were also interested. I kept a close watch on him for a year and knew I had pulled off a great coup for Spurs when I persuaded him to come to White Hart Lane."

BILL NICHOLSON, who as Spurs manager gave Perryman his League debut at the age of 17 in 1969:

"Steve has never been frightened of responsibility and will tackle any job without complaint. I used to worry when he first came into the side that he would burn himself out but he has learned to pace himself and knows when he can afford to coast. He performed wonders for Spurs."

EDDIE BAILY, who was Spurs coach when Steve made the breakthrough into the first-team:

"Steve has got a good football brain and a heart that is bigger than his head. His energy is just unbelievable and he puts many of his team-mates to shame with his effort."

MARTIN PETERS, the England star Perryman succeeded as Spurs captain:

"I can never understand why Steve has not been a regular in the England squad. He has the same qualities as Nobby Stiles used to have. He is a



marvellous competitor who is always on the go and demanding the same total effort from the players around him. When things are going against you it's reassuring to look up and see Steve working away like a beaver. He has a great competitive streak in him and will never admit defeat until the final whistle."

KEVIN KEEGAN, former England star who played with Perryman at Under-23 level:

"Steve was outstanding as a teenager and I would have put money on him establishing himself as a regular in the full England team. He is a 100 per center whose lack of real speed never

caused him to be exposed. It's a mystery why he never won dozens of caps "

OSVALDO ARDILES, his team-mate at Tottenham and speaking after skipper Perryman had led Spurs to the F.A. Cup Final victory over Manchester City:

"It has been a privilege for me to play with Steve on the pitch and to be a friend of his off the pitch. He has always made me feel at home and! have a great respect for his ability."

BOBBY ROBSON, who gave Perryman his one and only England cap when he sent him on as substitute against Iceland in 1982:

"Steve was good enough to have won many more caps but for a variety of reasons he didn't get the opportunities he deserved. I was delighted to give him the chance of collecting a cap so that he has testimony to his talent."

GRAHAM ROBERTS, his partner in the Spurs defence:

"Steve is one of the most inspiring players in the League. He lifts everybody around him with his incredible energy and enthusiasm and encourages us all to give extra effort."

MICK CHANNON, who has played against Perryman many times in League matches:

"There is not a forward in the First
Division who does not respect Steve
Perryman. He is a very hard player but
he is always fair. I can't say it's a
pleasure to play against him because
he makes life hard for you."

PETER SHREEVE, Tottenham manager who gave him a free transfer in March

"Steve was a magnificent servant for Spurs. You can mention him in the same breath as Dave Mackay and Ron Burgess, two former idols of the club. Any young professional just starting out in the game could not do better than follow his example. He will do a good job for Oxford United."

he gamble that worried ipswich manager Bobby Ferguson has paid off! **Ferguson paid Derby County** £150,000 for Kevin Wilson in January, 1985 and spent the rest of season 1984-85 fretting about his investment.

But by the time the curtain had come · down, Ipswich were safe from the relegation that threatened them for most of the campaign and Wilson's splendid return of seven League goals in 17 games was largely responsible.

Banbury born Wilson was in the thick of another relegation battle in 1985-86, but by then he was an accepted hero at Portman Road where many fans quickly forgot about the sale of Eric Gates to Sunderland as Wilson twisted and turned defences with pace and skill.

'I took my time settling down

because I kept changing partners up front," said Wilson. "When I arrived from Derby I had an established record as a striker. But the manager put me on the bench and played Alan Sunderland, Gates and Mich D'Avray. The fans began chanting my name which made me feel embarrassed.

"Injury to Sunderland gave me my chance and I grabbed it. I'd wanted badly to play in the First Division. And although I played a few games there



with Derby, by the time I'd settled into their side they were relegated!
"That's why I felt less pressure than

most when Ipswich went through their transition and fight for survival.

Wilson's finishing, experience and willingness to help the kids around him made him an invaluable asset to Ferguson as he blooded more and more youngsters.

"I settled down to playing alongside Mich D'Avray and we were the ideal

"He has the height, the aerial power and the strength to make a superb target man. I played off him and

Mich D'Avray (left) found his form when Kevin Wilson arrived from Derby County. between us we gave the best defences in the League plenty to worry about.

The lad is gentle by nature, but he really worked to add steel to his game for the sake of the team. He became a better player for it and improved his scoring rate.

"Me? I kept buzzing round the box and grew more confident as the goals started to flow.

"I have never seen so many talented young lads as we have at Ipswich. Teenagers like Mark Brennan, Jason Dozzell, Ian Cranson and Nigel Gleghorn are on the verge of becoming First Division household names and this team can emulate the great F.A. Cup and UEFA Cup feats of recent years.

"People moaned when the stars were sold — Wark, Mariner, Gates, Burley, Osman, Muhren and Thijssen. Well they have a whole new crop to cheer now!"



Mark Lillis Givera

ark Lillis spent his childhood and youth praying that Manchester City would succeed They went one better and signed him, from Second Division Huddersfield—the original fan turned star "I was City crazy as a kid" he said. "And when I got the chance thanks to Billy McNeill, I was overjoyed." Lillis quickly established himself at Maine Road with powerful runs and vital goals as they recaptured First Division status.



obviously didn't think it worth

Late, Late goal

STEVE Whitworth played in 569 Football League games for Leicester City, Sunderland, **Bolton Wanderers, and Mansfield** Town before scoring his first goal a penalty for Mansfield v Hereford United, March 23rd, 1985. Steve scored a second penalty 11 days later.

Happy Birthday

LONDON born Tommy Langley, who played for Chelsea, QPR, Crystal Palace, AEK Athens, **Coventry City and Wolves** celebrated his 17th birthday in 1975 by scoring the winning goal for Chelsea v Birmingham City in a First Division game.

Denis the menace

DENIS Law, one of the greatest goalscorers in the game's history, amassed a total of well over 300 goals in Football League, F.A. Cup, League Cup, major European competitions and Scottish internationals. Considering that this wizard of the goal area scored most of his goals for Manchester United it is quite an ironic coincidence that the final first-class goal of his career was for Manchester City in a 1-0 win over United which sent them down into the Second Division in 1974.

Flu off

IN April 1974 Exeter Ciy refused to play a Football League fixture at Scunthorpe. Nine of their players had 'flu but the Football League would not agree to a postponement. Exeter were fined £5,000 and ordered to pay £1,000 compensation to Scunthorpe United. The Lincolnshire club were also awarded two points for a game that was never played. Three weeks later Exeter beat Scunthorpe 4-0 at St James' Park.

Revenge!

IN November, 1984 Partick Thistle were beaten 7-3 at home by St.

St. Johnstone 'keeper Gordon Drummond fails to stop John Donnelly putting Partick ahead at Firhill Park in November, 1984...sensational Saints Won 7-31



Johnstone in a Scottish First Division game. In their next meeting just over three months later on the same ground Partick beat St Johnstone 6-2 Only five of Partick Thistle's players played in both games.

First sub

Although substitutes were not officially permitted in the F.A. Cup unitl 1966 it is reported that the first to appear came on for Hyde United against Preston North End way back in 1887. This was the game which Preston won 26-0, and as they were already 12 goals up when Hyde introduced their substitute centre-half. Preston

while complaining.

Hot-shot Cooke

IN 1984-85 Robbie Cooke was train scorer for both Cambridge Con and Brentford. He had scored six goals for Cambridge before he was loaned to Brentford in December (he was eventually transferred in March). When the season had ended Robbie had netted 12 for The Bees to finish joint top scorer with Keith Cassells.

Hot-shots Oldham

THE only club to have run up a double-figure score in more than one post-war Football League game is Oldham Athletic. In 1951-52 they beat Chester 11-2 in Division 3 (North) — including seven goals from centre-forward Eric Gemmell — and in 1962-63 they beat Southport 11-0 in the Fourth Division — Herbert Lister scoring six goals.

Flash trick

ON January 1st, 1983 Brian Stanton scored four goals for Huddersfield in a 6-3 Third Division victory over Bradford City, including three goals in six minutes. This is one of the fastest hat-tricks ever scored by a midfield player.

FANtaggic

IF you believe that the record attendance (including any replays) for the Scottish F.A. Cup Final was for one of the clashes between those great rivals Rangers and Celtic you would be wrong. The record was created in 1948 when Rangers beat Morton 1-0 in a replay after a 1-1 draw.



MOW THEEL.



The aggregate attendance of these two games was 262,746. This is nearly 13,000 more than the aggregate of the two games between Rangers and Celtic in the 1963 Final.

Eurocrats

NO British player has yet succeeded in scoring double figures in a single European Cup competition. The nearest to this target were Dennis Viollet (Manchester United) with nine goals in 1956-57, and Denis Law (Manchester United) with the same total in 1968-69 The European Cup record aggregate for a single season is 14 by Jose Altafini (AC Milan) in 1962-63. That was the first season in which the Final was played at Wembley and Altafini scored both of his side's goals in a 2-1 victory over Benfica.

Wembley woes

IN the 114 years of international football England has only once played more than two games in succession without scoring and that was as recently as 1981. Then a goalless draw with Rumania was followed by a 0-1 defeat by Brazil; a goalless draw with Wales and a 1-0 defeat by Scotland. All these games were played at Wembley!

Above: Scotland's Steve Archibald weaves through England's defence at Wembley in May, 1981. Right: Tony Coton made a fantestic debut for Birmingham City.

Super saver

AT the age of 19 goalkeeper Tony Coton made one of the most sensational First Division debuts with Birmingham City in December, 1980. Not only did his side enjoy their first victory in six games, beating Sunderland 3-2, but Tony saved a penalty less than two minutes after the kick-off Tony was transferred to Watford in September, 1984.

Four goal loser

ONE of the keenest goalscoring tussles of recent years was the Third Division game between Doncaster Rovers and Reading in September, 1982. Rovers were leading 5-3 at half-time and won 7-5. Glynn Snodin scored a hat-trick for the Rovers (including two penalties) while Kerry Dixon got four of Reading's goals, including one penalty. Not many players have scored as many as four goals yet ended on the losing mide.

13 years without a game PETER Knowles was on Wolverhampton Wanderers'

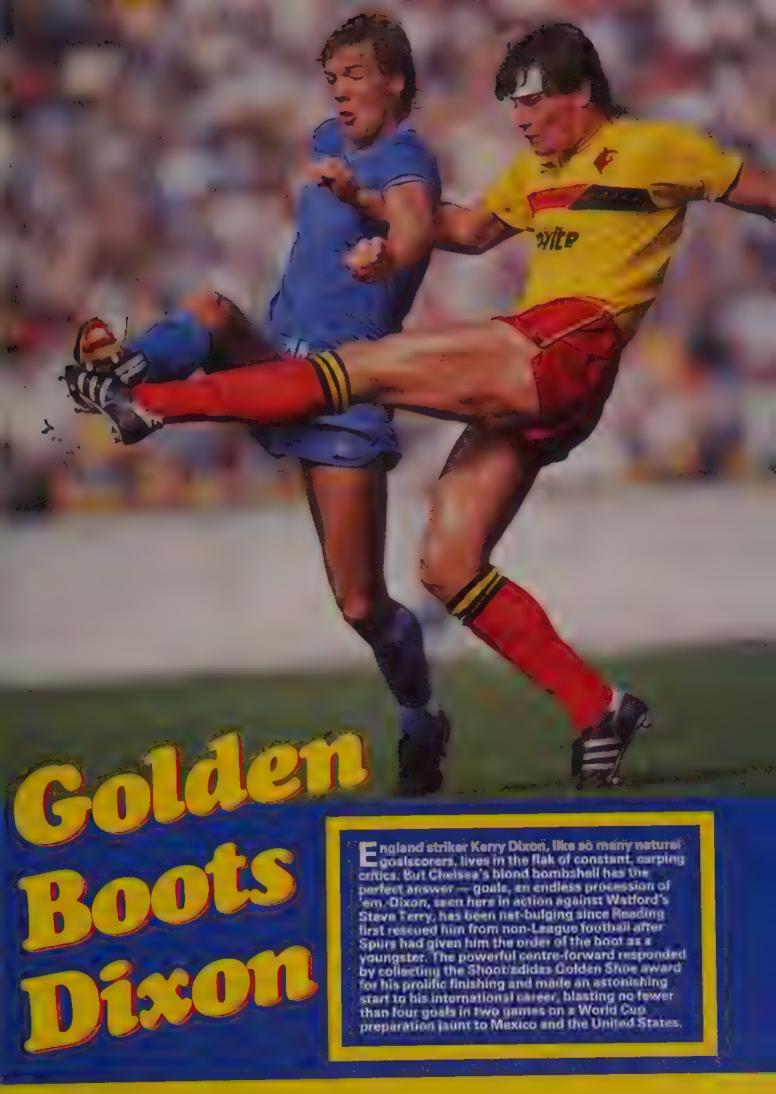


books for 13 years without playing a single game! A colourful character, Peter was a goalscoring inside-forward who made 163 League appearances, scoring 58 goals, between 1963 and 1969. Then on the verge of international honours he shook the footballing fraternity by announcing his retirement from the game at the age of 23 to work full-time for the Jehovah's Witnesses Wolves did not tear up his registration until 1982. Peter's brother Cyril had a full career of over 400 League games with Middlesbrough and Spurs.

Wigan Wondermen
IN April, 1979 Wigan Athletic
were 3-0 down in a Fourth
Division game at home to Port
Vale but scored five in the last 25
minutes to win 5-3. Peter
Houghton netted a hat-trick for
the winners.

Rich Rochdale
FOURTH Division Rochdale have
the lowest income of all the 92
League clubs. But are in the black
because of thriving off-field
activities.





here is nothing that brings out the glorious They were placed second to two minutes with Milton Graham uncertainty of our game Liverpool in the First Division yet and lan Thompson scoring in more than a sudden death a Milk Cup defeat by Third the 60th and 62nd minutes. Cup competition.

What is it that enables a non-League team of part-timers to strike the form to beat a full professional side?

How is it that in Cup-ties Third or Fourth Division clubs sometimes find something extra to beat a top First Division side? Are these victories flukes?

The Glant-killers would refuse to accept such an explanation and they would be right to do so. Most of these surprises have been pulled off on merit

What became of Manchester United as recently as 1983-84?

Division Oxford United was followed less than three weeks later by a 2-0 F.A. Cup defeat at Third Division Bournemouth!

True, Oxford were top of the Third Division, but Bournemouth were three places off the bottom and had won only three of their previous 11 League games

Indeed, in the previous round they had struggled to beat Windsor & Eton 2-0 at home after a goalless draw at Windsor. Yet in the game at Dean Court the mighty United were shattered by two goals in

Arsenal's amozing crash at Walsall in the F.A. Cup way back in 1933 is still regularly recalled in stories about Cup "Giant-killing," as is Yeovil Town's 2-1 victory over Sunderland in 1948-49, but games not so frequently mentioned are Boston United's 1 win at Derby County in 1955-56 or Hereford United Ithen in the Southern League) beating

> Harlow hero Neil Prosser after his 90th minute goal earned the little non-Leaguers a replay at Leicester

Q.F.R. 6-1 in 1957-58. Admittedly the losers were Third Division clubs at the time but no 6-1 win could be described as any kind of tluke.

Midland League Boston United were managed by former Derby player Hay Middleton and included no less than five ex Rams in their side. That may have been part of the explanation for this shock result.

FOR GIANT-KILLERS KILLERS

Derby's only goal was scored from the penalty spot. It was Derby's first home defeat of the season.

Only the previous Saturday they had beaten Darlington 6-2 at the Baseball Ground. Cup magic indeed, and the biggest-ever win by a non-League side on a League club's ground in the F.A. Cup.

Isthmian League Bishop's
Stortford enjoyed a bit of Cup
magic in the F.A. Cup Third Round
in January, 1983 when they came
back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2
at Middlesbrough. True, Second
Division Middlesbrough won the
replay 2-1, but why couldn't they
have polished the minnows off at
Ayresome Park?



In January, 1980 when Leicester City were heading for promotion to the First Division, and hadn't lost any of their last seven home League games, isthmian League Harlow Town came to Filbert Street in the F.A. Cup, Third Round.

Leinester went a goal up before the interval through Martin Henderson, but only three minutes from time Neil Prosser (later with Bournemouth) snatched an equaliser.

Never mind, Leicester would win the replay easily. Not likely, Harlow beat them 1-0.

In the next round Watford, whom Leicester had already beaten twice that season, k.o'd Harlow at Vicarage Road, but what a fight they put up before going down 4-3.

There is Cup magic in Scotland as well as south of the border.

Like in January, 1967 when Berwick Rangers beat Rangers 1-0 with Sammy Reid hitting the historic goal.

That was the Glasgow giants first-ever deleast by a club from a lower division and the first time in 30 years that they had been beaten in the First Bound.

More recently Second Division Fortar Athletic enjoyed a Cup run in 1991-82 during which they caused a major upset by winning 1-0 at Hearts.

Then, after beating Queen's Park 2-1 they held Rangers to a goalless draw in the Semi-Finals at Hampden Park, Rangers needed to pull out all the stops to defeat them 3-1 in the replay.

Perhaps an even bigger shock happened in 1983-84 when Premier Division Hibernian were eliminated by Second Division East Fife who held them to a goalless draw at Easter Road before beating them 2-0.

However, in the next round Celtic hammered The Fifers 6-0 at Bayview Park, But that was magic of a different kind.

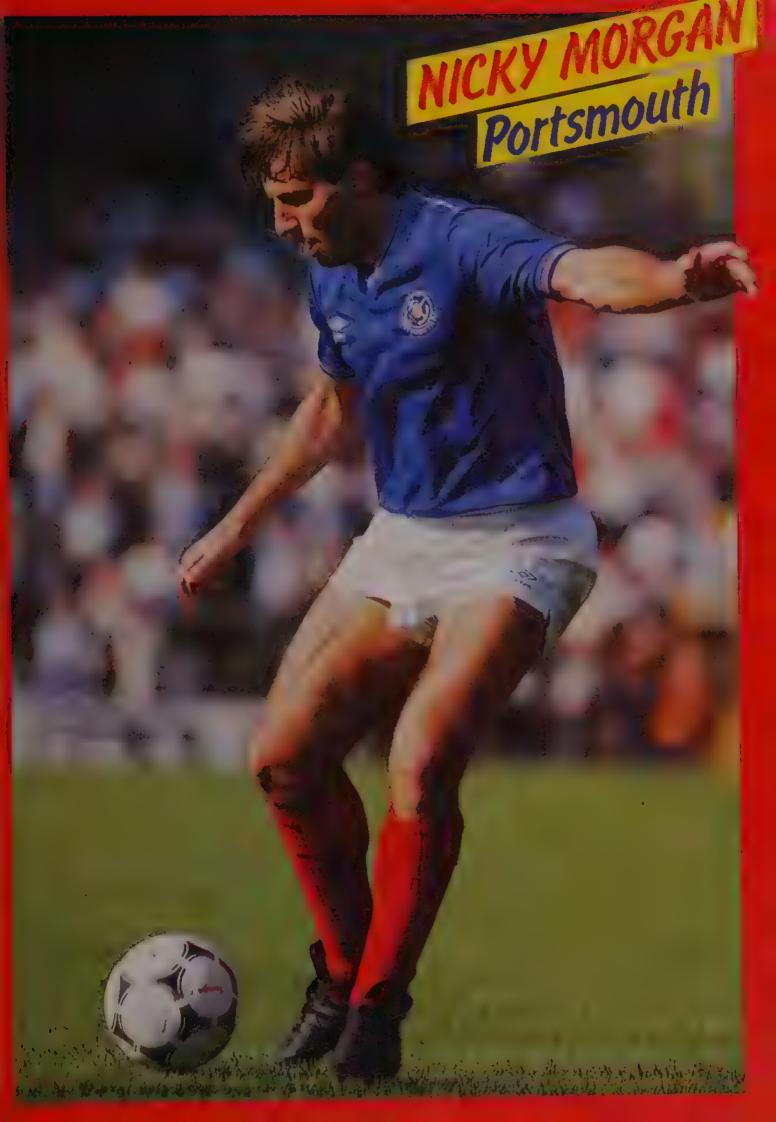


Fearless Frank

The secret of Aberdeen's tremendous success in the Scottish Premier Division has been manager Alex Ferguson's ability to sell stars and replace them without disrupting the team's performances. One such replacement is Frank McDougall, signed from St. Mirren in the summer of 1984. He stepped into the number 9 shirt vacated by Mark McGhee, sold to Hamburg, and was an instant hit with the

Pittodrie lans. Strong, last and brave, McDougall fears nobody in his pursuit of goalscoring opportunities. At the end of his first full season, 1984-85, McDougall blasted 26 League and Cup goals and collected a League Championship medal as well as finishing top scorer. Frank added the Shoot/adidas Golden Shoe to his collection of honours, Today, Scotland hails him as 'Fearless Frank'!







SCOTLAND

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COTLAND were unbeaten in the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany ... they nosedived amid a flurry of sensational drug-taking accusations in Argentina '78 ... Brazil blitzed them in Spain '82 and they just made Mexico '86.

One way or another, the Scots have been a headline-writer's dream come true with their performances in four successive World Cup Finals. They have never been far from controversy

and in West Germany, Argentina and Spain contrived to fail to get through their early sections on goal difference!

Already, though, the Scots are assembling a new tartan force, preparing for the World Cup Finals in 1990, rearing fresh-faced youngsters to take on the ultimate soccer challenge in three years' time.

Extrovert Tommy Docherty, never slow to alert anyone to the country of his origin, says in a defiant tone: "Scotland is second only to Brazil in unearthing genuine, quality soccer players."

genuine, quality soccer players."
And a few superb individuals have arrived on the scene from that particular conveyor belt.
Names such as Denis Law, Jim Baxter, Kenny Dalglish, Jimmy Johnstone, Billy Bremner, Joe Jordan, Graeme Souness and so on immediately spring to mind.

But who are the up-and-coming kids who are going to carry on the good work? Who are the superbabes ready to take on the world in 1990?

The Rock

What a delight Chelsea's wily, winger Pat Nevin will still be around to use the '90 World Cup Finals as a platform upon which to parade those devastating skills.

And his Stamford Bridge colleague Joe McLaughlin could be the rock in the Scottish rearguard by the time the 1990 World Cup Finals come round.

Ball-playing Gary Gillespie, so unlucky with injuries at Liverpool after his £300,000 transfer from Coventry three years ago, is another who could be vying for a spot in central defence — although regular No. 5 Alex McLeish, of Aberdeen, is adamant he will still be doing his stuff on the right side of 30 in three years' time!

His Pittodrie team-mate Neale Cooper, whose versatility has proved to be so valuable to Aberdeen in recent seasons, will, barring disasters, also be a



DUTHEMARGH



mainstay on the international

The ferocious, blond-haired, no-nonsense Cooper, born in India where his father worked on a tea plantation, can play in the back-four and midfield with equal distinction and he will revel in the big-time.

Another Aberdeen-raised player who has the ability to terrorise foreign defenders is the magnificent Eric Black, whose talent in the air has got to be seen

to be believed.

And a player who knows all about his style courtesy of their days together in the Under-11 team is Brian McClair, one of Celtic's most consistent marksmen.

Of course, a certain Charlie Nicholas, who will be a mere 27 in 1990, will also be hoping to be strutting the international arena again and his friend Mo Johnston, who missed out in '86, will hardly

be a veteran by then.

But their places up front will certainly be under attack and whizz-kid John Robertson is another intelligent, gifted raider who possesses that in-bred quality of always being in the right place at the right time in crowded penalty areas.

Helping Nevin keep a steady stream of passes to the firing squad could be Dundee United's elegant Kevin Gallacher and the equally-skillful Owen

Archdeacon, of Celtic. The blinding talents of Paul McStay demand an international stage and it could be that Celtic have the players to present a complete midfeld trio for the international side!

Peter Grant, so full of industry, and Tony Shepherd, so full of invention, are two well-groomed youngsters who continually put outsize smiles on the face of the Celtic faithful.

Roy Aitken could be father of

the Celtic kids in the Scottish arena - at the ripe old age of 30.

Davie Cooper was the lone Ranger to make the Mexico trip, but the Ibrox fans have been encouraged by the startling talents of two ball-artistes in their midfield, lan Durrant and Derek

Ferguson.

Campbell

Money could put pressure op

Jim Leighton.

Hearts could also provide some engine-room power in the shape of Gary Mackay, one of the most under-rated youngsters in Scottish football, but a player who pulls many of the strings at Tynecastle.

And while Mackay fires them up in midfield, tall, talented Craig Levein devours lack-lustre

Dundee United's Billy Thomson could be the men putting on the pressure for the No.1 jersey.

attackers who threaten the Edinburgh club's goal. Three other baby-faced defenders who are destined to make life a misery for opponents are St. Mirren's Stevie Clarke,

defence? The Scottish

Dundee Tosh McKinlay and Motherwell's Fraser Wishart. And who will be the last line of

goalkeeper's position has been abused so much in recent years that it could be re-named the laugh line of defence! But the reliable Jim Leighton has put a halt to the smirks and snide comments— mainly from South of the border! - and his Pittodrie understudy Bryan Gunn, Rangers' Nicky Walker, St. Mirren's Campbell Money and

Victim of the THE MANIFEAR

-Charlie Hicholas

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nly one man has ever succeeded in putting the fear of God into me. That man was Claudio Gentile.

The former Italian World Cup winner is without doubt the hardest and most fearsome opponent I've ever

The last I heard of him, he was playing for Atalanta and by all accounts he's still kicking forwards all over the place. Mark Hateley and Paul Rideout deserve every lira they're reportedly earning if they have to face that sort of punishment every week. I'll never forget the night I became a victim of the Gentile Touch. I was

playing for Celtic, he was playing for Juventus and we met in a European Cup First Round tie at Parkhead.

I was a nervous 19-year-old playing in my first European match. Signor Gentile certainly opened my eyes!
I'd been warned he was the

sneakiest, most ruthless defender in the world. It was all true - and worse.

It was a simple case of anything goes. He elbowed me in the face, punched me in the back and in the ribs, pulled my hair, kicked me from pillar to post and even spat at me.

But the man who went on to earn a World Cup winners' medal the following year against West Germany was such a master of his art that the ref didn't spot a thing.

Golden rule

I'd always been brought up never to let an opponent put me off my game and to never retaliate. I failed on the first count and to this day don't know how I resisted the temptation to break tha second golden rule.

Ironically, the toughest defender I've faced in British football was a

team-mate.

I'm referring to Celtic's Roy Aitken, whose strength and speed in training made him absolute murder to get

The lads called him 'Shirley Temple' because of his golden curls, but there is nothing soft about big Roy. We might have been on the same side on Saturdays, but during the week he'd think nothing of giving you a kick if he thought it was merited in training.

Since joining Arsenal, I'd say the king of the First Division hard men is Manchester City's Mick McCarthy.

I remember our game at Maine Road last season when the midfield became so congested we started to hit long, high balls ino the box.

McCarthy is built like a collosus and is as strong as an ox. He was brea-

thing down my neck all game and trying to hold him off was no joke.

The secret of getting the better of Mick is to let him get side on to you then try to turn him quickly. But once we started pumping them into the air, I didn't get a look-in.

But the best header of a ball in the First Division has got to be Manchester United's Paul McGrath — no giant compared to most stoppers but almost unbeatable in the air.

United have often played Paul in a midfield role, but I reckon he's much more effective in the middle of the defence because he consistently wins so many important headers.

He is also one of the best tacklers around, although he does have a tendency to go through you to get to the ball at times.

McGrath has got to be one of the top defenders in football today, but my vote for the best all-rounders would go to the Liverpool duo of Mark Law-

renson and Alan Hansen. Strong in the air, tremendous in the tackle and quicker than any other defenders I've ever faced, these two are

pure dynamite.

Even if one of them makes an error, the other is always on hand to clear the danger. I'm certainly not the only First Division striker to have had no joy out of these two.

Mark Lawrenson and Alan Hansen are everthing good defenders should



You are the



An macker deliberately stoops and brings a challenging opponent down. Do you: (a) wave play on, (b) award an indirect free-kick, or (c) award a direct free-kick?

As a high ball drops into the penalty-area a defending player shouts out "My ball — leave it." Do you: (a) award a penalty, (b) an indirect free-kick, or (c) allow play to

A trainer runs on to the pitch without your permission to attend one of his players. Should you: (a) allow this, or (b) order the trainer off the Reid?



You extend time to allow a penalty to be taken. The kick is saved, but the kicker follows up and shoots the ball into the net. Should you allow the goal?

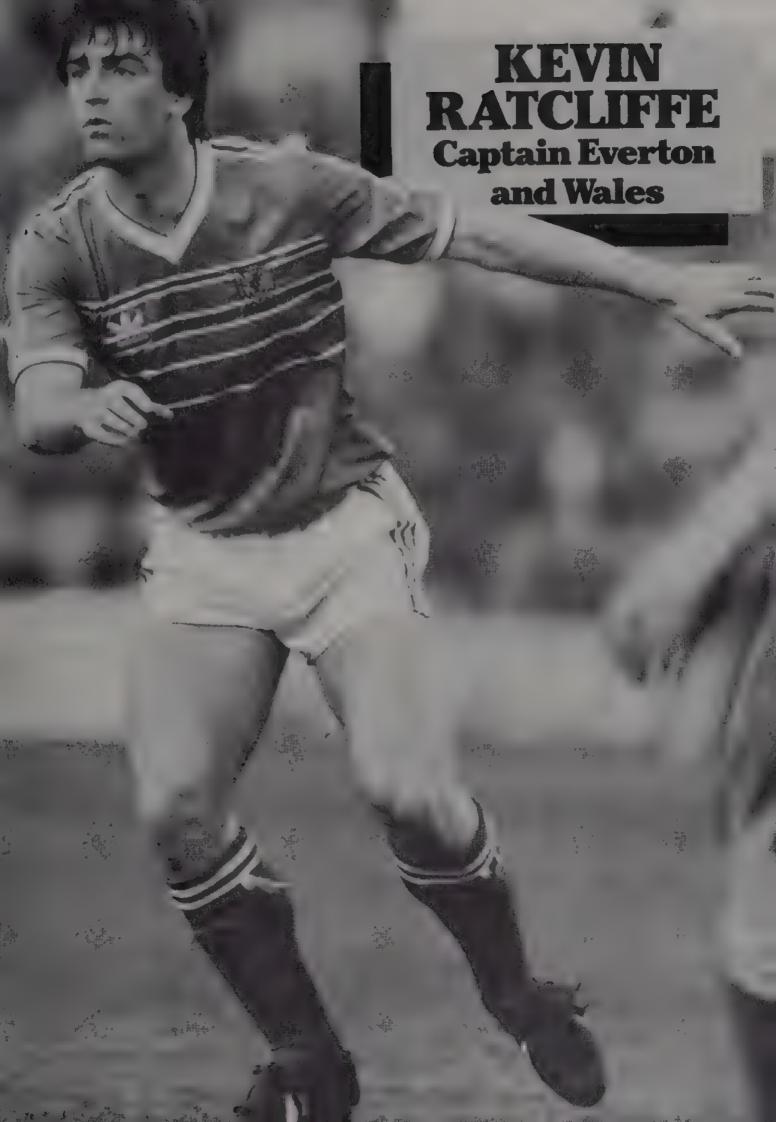


The manager of a team shouts instructions to his players from the sideline. Should you: (a) caution him, or (b) ignore him?



ANSWERS

1. Award a direct free-kick (c). This constitutes a tripping offence. 2. Award an indirect free-kick (b). The player must call a name in order not to deceive an opponent. 3. Order the trainer off (b). He should also be cautioned as he must have your permission before entering the field of play. 4. No. Play is only extended for the taking of the kick. Once the teepst has made the save the game is kick. Once the training the manager.





was not broken for 44 years. He was a

by Ted Sagar, one of the all-time greats among goalkeepers, who was an Everton player for just over 24 years until retiring in 1953 when he had made a club record 465 League appearances which stands to this day. His total would have been higher but for the intervention of World War II.

professional with the Rovers for over 23 years up to May, 1920. This record of service was broken

Before the War there were other loyal servants like goalkeepers Jerry Dawson and Tim Williamson — 22 years with Burnley and 19 years with Middlesbrough respectively.
Full-back Alex McNair played for

Full-back Alex McNair played for Celtic for 21 years, while winger Alex Smith was with Rangers for the same length of time.

Dougle Gray, another full-back, surpassed Smith's record for Rangers by serving them for 22 years up to 1947, making a Scottish record total of 879 appearances, 801 in League and Cup.

Since the War there have been a number of really outstanding players who preferred to remain with one club.

Winger Tom Finney put in 23 years with Preston North End. Just think of

Jackie Charlton ended his long Leeds career on a high note.

Soccer

DANNY McGRAIN it. The average player considers himself lucky if he can stay in the first-class game for ten or 12 years, but rarely remaining with one club.

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Only one year behind Finney are
Roy Sproson (Port Vale), Billy Liddell
(Liverpool), Sam Bartram (Charlton
Athletic) and Joe Shaw (Sheffield
United).

One of England's finest skippers, Billy Wright, served Wolves for 21 years, the same length of time with a single club as three other England internationals — Jimmy Dickinson (Portsmouth), Jackie Charlton (Leeds United), and Gil Merrick (Birmingham City), as well as Bob McKinlay, Nottingham Forest's central defender who was an ever-present when they fought their way back to the First Division for the first time since the War in 1957.

Don't think that all of these players just faded away, hanging on after their usefulness had passed.









The old phrase 'have boots will travel', can certainly apply where Mickey Thomas (above) is concerned. The 5ft 6in Welshman started his career at Wrexham, left to join Man. Utd and then had spells at Everton, Brighton, Stoke and Chelsea before signing for West Brom in 1985. Mickey's tigerish aggression and enthusiasm for the game have earned him 50 caps for his country.

At 5ft 4in, Danny Wallace (above, left) is one of the smallest players in the First Division. But he is also rated as one of the quickest. The electrifying speed of the Southampton winger has left many full-backs for dead and has earned the Black Pearl an England call-up.

Adrian Heath (above, right) was on the verge of a full England cap when a knee injury put his career in doubt during the 1984-85 season. The 5ft 6in star missed Everton's success in the League and European Cup Winners' Cup but scored in his first game for ten months, a Charity Shield win over Man. Utd, and then regained his place in the Goodison Park side in a somewhat unaccustomed midfield role last season.





qualities from his players. Most are far from household names but have carved-out reputations under a boss who doesn't believe in lost causes.

Third choice

Howard's "Salvation Army" includes ... Brian Marwood, former Third Division winger, Martin Hodge, third-choice 'keeper at Everton before his move to Wednesday; Glynn Snodin, another from the lower Divisions who is tipped for international honours; Paul Hart, veteran centre-half freed by Brian Clough at Nottingham Forest; and Lee Chapman, the striker who was a £500,000 flop at Arsenal.

"I think the manager's secret is

when things were going badly, I didn't buckle under. I always tried.

Wilkinson has shown a willingness to exploit Wednesday's spending power but has never pandered to the wishes of his so-called star recruits. He bought Simon Stainrod and sold him within a few months.

Garry Thompson, his £450,000 record signing, also knows how difficult it is to command a place.

"It's nice to know someone can spend a lot of money on a player and not compromise themselves," he says. "It helps keep you on your toes. It's good for me to know that I'm being given no favours. There's nothing more unsettling for other players than to see someone getting in

here was a time when Dundee were not only tops on Tayside but one of the giants of Scottish football.

When the Dens Park men were crowned Champions in 1962 their neighbours from across the road, Dundee United, were only just beginning to establish themselves in the First Division.

But in recent years the pendulum of power has swung in the direction of Tannadice with Dundee, albeit reluctantly, forced

to play second fiddle.

While Jim McLean's 15 years in charge at United has seen them go from strength to strength, Dundee have seen several managers come and go without anything like the same level of consistency or success.

Now, however, there are definite signs that Dundee are on the way back. Former fan Archie Knox, whose playing career included a spell with United, is the new broom tipped to sweep the Dens Parkers back to the top.

Knox was previously Alex Ferguson's assistant at Pittodrie, where he did a sterling job in helping to establish The Dons in the forefront of European football.



Dundee spending spree pays off

He would like nothing more than to do an 'Aberdeen' with his new club, whose solitary success since winning the title was in the old-style League Cup 13 years ago.

Knox has made many changes since taking charge, the most significant being an injection of a fresh blood to reshape the senior

The enforced departure of skipper Cammy Fraser and striker lain Ferguson — they were at the end of their contracts and Rangers paid £400,000 for the pair — sent

Knox on a shopping spree.
John Brown (Hamilton Accies),
Tom Carson (Dumbarton), Robert
Connor (Ayr United), Jim Duffy
(Morton), John McCormack (St.
Mirren), Stuart Rafferty
(Motherwell) and Vince Mennie
(Cologne) were all
value-for-money captures.

But Brown, in particular, has proved to be worth his weight in



Master with the cheque book..., manager Archie Knox.

gold. Although he's a midfield player, he can also operate at full-back and in the centre of the defence. And he's a more than useful goalscorer.

He was Dundee's leading marksman in his first season and his aggressive, determined style typifies the positive attitude at Dens Park.

"Archie Knox is the best manager I've played under," admits Brown. "He tries hard to instil in us the high standards he obviously picked up at Aberdeen

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"I'm naturally grateful to him
for giving me my big chance at
the top level. I was with Hamilton
for seven years and looking to
progress. So the Dundee move
was just what I wanted.

was just what I wanted.
"There's a real feeling they we can go places. The Boss is absolutely determined to put the club on the map again and we have a squad of players capable of doing it."

Brown has already earned himself a place in the record books. In only his second season with Hamilton he scored three times in the 9-1 thrashing of Berwick Rangers — the first-ever hat-trick by a full-back in Scottish League history.

RIAN STEIN

rian Stein points to a carpet and a bagger as he reasons why he recaptured the form that parned him England 10000019

Luton's striker, whose mercurial form waned after an exciting run partnering Paul Walsh, believes the sale of the oland cockney to Liverpool broke

up a superb duo. "But manager David Pleat put the club into the 21st Century with two strokes of his pen — he signed Mick Harford from Birmingham and gave the go-ahead for our all-weather pitch.

"The carpet is a dream to play on, brings out the real skills in players and gives you a true

surface in all weathers. "The bagger — an apt name for goal-bagging Harford — gave us power, height and immense strength and leadership in our attack. He upsets defences, scores goals, lays on chances for others and has tremendous skill for such a big man.

"I love playing alongside him. We experimented a lot with me laying back a bit behind a front two led by Mick, but either way our way of playing - running the ball through the team rather than belting it long, brought goals, excited crowds and established

Mick Harford has brought power and goals to Luton.





WHISTLE HAPPY



"Might be an idea if you lifted him over the touchline — he's lying on the linesman."



"Rather unusual type of injury — dropped his whistle on the kneecap."



"Come here, you!"



"For the next pose — will you take me doing my famous two-fisted dive round the corner save?"



"Every time you dream you're sending someone off you always poke me in the eye."



"Nope! I won't go until you apologise for sending me off."



"You told me to bring in anyone whose behaviour might cause a breach of the peace."



"I'd like to take this ball down to the station and have it tested for fingerprints."

ARY MACKAY NEE more reasons than most to hope Hearts are successful on match-day ...

The elegant Under-21 international midfielder owns a pub a short corner-kick from

Typesast el
"I like to go in and mix with the punters," says the blond-haired, long legged MacKay.

"There's no point in just turning up when you've played well and the team has won. You've got to show up when things haven't gone your way.

You can take some stick at times, but it's all good-natured. I don't mind. As well as being a Hearts' player I'm a Hearts' supporter and I enjoy the banter with the men who are the very.

lifeblood of the game."

Hearts' fans were easily
identified last season by their
large smiles. They saw their team
go to the top of the League for the first time in over a decade and there was a definite buzz in the

air around Tynecastle.

Mackay's skill was appreciated by friend and foe alike and Alex Ferguson readily admits to being a fan of this intelligent young man who is the sheer epitome of a 100 per cent, 90-minutes professional.

"Sure, I like to give my all," says Mackay. "I'm not a cheat. Everyone at Hearts has the same

outlook, believe me.



ts heat faster

"There's a great spirit about the place. It's Musketeers stuff. All-for-one and one-for-all stuff. It's marvellous to play in such an environment.

"I'm desperate to see Hearts attain a place right at the top. Not just for one season or two --- but

This is a big club in every ense of the word. The potential is immense, we have great support and our millionaire chairman Waltace Mercer is

always prepared to put money where his mouth is.

And, of course, we've got Alex MacDonald and Sandy Jardine as our management team. They've seen and done it all at the top level and their attitude really

motivates you."
Hearts' fans relish the thought
of Gary Mackay taking over the mantle of one of their favourite sons, Dave MacKay, who made his senior debut with the Edinburgh outfit before going on to make an even bigger name for himself at Spurs in the Sixties.

"Yes, the older fans talk about Dave and tell me about all the wonderful things he could do."
says Mackay. "But we're built
along different lines and I don't
think our styles could be

"However, it's nice to know that you are mentioned in the same breath as such a magnificent professional as Dave Mackay,"

FITNESS

DO'S Above all a 'keeper has to be as agile as a cat on hot bricks in order to reach high crosses, spring to make a save in the corner of his goal, and sprint off his line at the first sign of danger. Plenty of sprint work in training, combined with loosening-up exercises, is essential.

You must also be strong enough to stand up to physical challenges from human battering rams like Joe Jordan. Weight-training can help tone-up the

body.

DON'TS Never go in for lifting heavy weights. This could make you muscle-bound and reduce your mobility.

POSITIONING

DO'S You must work constantly at discovering how to be in the right place at the right time. There are no hard and fast rules. For corners I prefer to position myself two yards inside the near post and about two yards off my goal-line. For free-kicks I place my human wall on one side of the goal while I guard the other.

DON'TS If you stand directly behind the wall you run the risk of being unsighted - until it's too late! And never place yourself right alongside the

near post at corners.

HANDUNG

DO'S One of the mest important aspects of the game. You can be agile

Above: Catch the ball at its highest point. Right: In a one-against-one situation spread yourself as large as possible.

Britain's most successful number one passes on the benefit of his vast experience. Budding keepers will learn a lot - and so will those on the firing line.

and brave, but if you can't catch the ball you can forget about making number one. When a high ball comes over, leap to catch it at its highest point. That way your hands should

reach above any opponent's head.

Decide quickly whether you're going to catch the ball or punch it. Continental 'keepers are great punchers, but I regard it as a last resort simply because you can never be sure where the ball's going. Finally, get your body behind the ball whenever possible!

DON'TS I forgot that golden rule at Hampden Park in 1976 when England were playing Scotland, and I rate it amongst my worst Clemence clangers. Kenny Dalglish shot from close in. The ball went through my hands, and then between my legs and into the goal.

Another important tip is to avoid falling on your elbow with the ball, as the shock wave can knock it from your





DO'S Practise accuracy before working at getting distance. A quick fly-kick or throw to a team-mate after the opposition have pushed up too hard can start a deadly counter-attack. DON'TS Never take your eye off the ball no matter how much pressure

you're under. And don't pass to a team-mate with the opposition breathing down his neck!

PENALTIES

DO'S This is a situation where you have nothing to lose. All the pressure is on the penalty-taker. I often try to make him even more up-tight with a bit of gamesmanship to delay the kick.

I prefer to stand in the centre of the goal unless I've been told the kicker tends to go for a favourite spot.
Generally it's best to make a guess as to which way to dive.

DON'TS Don't look defeated. Grin like Bruce Grobbelaar. And always move, one way or the other, when the kick's taken. I hate seeing a 'keeper rooted to his line with his arms flapping.

the game when you're behind a good side that's doing all the attacking. But you must remember you may only be called upon for ten seconds in 90 minutes — and then you've got to be razor-sharp. When the ball's at the other end for a long period I keep my concentration by walking out to the 18-yard line and continually adjusting my position as though attacks are coming from different directions. I might also do a few exercises.

DON'TS Avoid distractions, such as talking to the crowd behind your goal, team-mates or even the opposition. I've seen 'keepers chatted up by an opponent, lose concentration, and allow that same opponent to score!

SHOUTING

DO'S As you're in the privileged position of seeing all the play, use it to shout instructions to less well-placed team-mates. Act as a second pair of

Ray and Kevin Keegan pass on a few tips to a potential England 'keeper of the future.

eyes for them. Let them know what you're doing, and be boss in your petch. **DON'TS** You might put off one of your defenders by shouting at him when he's got everything under control. Button your lip.

EMERGENCY!

DO'S Your defence is caught square up near the half-way line. The ball is lobbed over their heads and a forward has burst through in pursuit. You have two options. The first is to race out of your area and kick the ball clear. But you can only do this if the ball is closer to you than to him, and you have to make up your mind in a split-second.

The second option in this one-against-one situation is to spread yourself in front of him as large as possible to either delay him until a team-mate can put in a tackle, or block his shot with some part of your anatomy.

DON'TS If you can't realistically get the ball, then keep goalside — and keep cool.



FRANK MGAVENNIE'S

RANK McAVENNIE gave up football to watch Kenny Dalglish and then cried when he left Daltic for Liverpool.

"As a lad I preferred following Celtic and Kenny to playing," says West Ham's Scottish international goal-machine.

"When Kenny was transferred to Liverpool in 1977, I thought the end of

the world had come. I just cried my eyes out. It was like losing a friend. "I didn't dream that I would lined up alongside my boyhood idol when making my full debut for Scotland against Australia in the World Cup last year."

Sixteen League goals in his first four months with West Ham, following his summer move from St. Mirren had earned Frank his first cap ... and the roaring approval of 68,000 fanatical Hampden Park fans. Especially when he crowned an impressive performance with a brilliantly taken second-half goal.

Sensation

Young, handsome, well-groomed, friendly and enjoying a meteoric rise to fame, you'd think this striking sensation was very much a man about town. Well, you'd be wrong. The bright lights of London hold no

attraction for the 25-year-old Scot

"When I first came down from St. Mirren certain sections of the Press gave me a 'bad-boy' image. That was a load of rubbish.

"Sure I had been to a few discos in

BESTFRIEND

Glasgow and enjoyed the odd pint after a game. But that didn't mean I

was a boozer or playboy.
"I suppose because Charlie
Nicholas and Mo Johnston are both Scots, strikers and got themselves into bother that I'd do the same.

"I used to see Charlie regularly in Glasgow, but I've hardly spoken to him since coming South.

Surprise

"But I was determined not to do anything stupid. I had waited a long time to get a move from St. Mirren

and wasn't going to do anything stupid and mess up my career." Surprisingly it was George Best, a well-known hell-raiser in his time, who helped keep Frank on the

straight and narrow.

"I got to know George through my agent Bill McMurdo, who acts for him as well. George had experienced the pitfalls of stardom and warned me to keep my nose clean."
From the start Frank decided to

ensure he concentrated 100 per cent on his game and not outside interests. He moved into a West Ham club flat in the peace and quiet of Brentwood, Essex, with his girl friend, Anita.

"She made all the difference. London can be a lonely place as Charlie Nicholas found out. If you are on your own you are tempted to go out just for the company.

"I have since moved into a nice detached house in Hornchurch which is about 20 minutes from West Ham's training ground at Chadwell Heath. "We only go to Upton Park on

match days, so playing there is still special ... still a novelty.

"I love living in Essex. Who needs the West End? When you get there you can't find a place to park. So I don't bother."

Frank's spectacular baptism of fire in the English First Division attracted

a great deal of media attention.
He appeared on ITV's "Saint and
Greavesie' show on Saturday lunch-time. He was a guest of Terry

But because of the soccer TV ban millions of fans missed the early exploits of this exciting goal-ace.

ITV reporter Martin Tyler took Frank on to busy Waterloo Bridge and asked passers-by if they could identify the First Division newcomer.

Without the benefit of the box only

one could — famous Scottish comedian Billy Connolly. "I've no intention of pushing myself

into the glare of publicity," says Frank. "All I want is to score goals for West Ham and Scotland ... and win honours.

McAmany

"I've been called Frank McGinty, McVitie and McViney. But they can call me what they like."

Frank will apreciate one name some

of the West Ham fans have invented for him ... McAmany.
It's incredible that Frank joined

West Ham in the first place.
When West Ham boss John Lyall

went to watch Frank for the first time he fractured his skull before half-time. Fortunately, Lyall had seen enough in that Scottish Cup Quarter-Final tie against Dundee United to recognise potential and talent.

"Sign him but don't go a a penny over £100,000," was the advice John Lyall received from one famous First

Division manager.

"Don't take a chance, he's a bit of a tearaway," warned another.

Lyall ignored the "advice" and paid





£340.000 for a player unknown outside Glasgow.

"I remember the papers at the time," says Frank. "Even though I had played for Scotland Under-21's they ran headlines -- 'Frank Who?'.

To make matters worse I was played out of position on my debut for the Hammers at Birmingham City, because the boss thought an attacking midfield role would take the

pressure of goalscoring off me.
"But Paul Goddard was injured in
that first game of the 1985-86 season. I moved up front and scored."
McAvennie's natural ability and

fighting spirit made him an instant hit with the Upton Park faithful. Yet he wasn't always a feared figure.

'I was so skinny as a youngster l

was usually stuck out on the wing out of harm's way." Nicknamed "Bambi" because of his ungainly build, Frank left school at 16 and began a career with Glasgow City

Corporation.
"I was handed a brush and shovel and told to sweep the streets. The job lasted 20 minutes."

McAvennie went on to lay tarmac, dig holes, wait on tables, and heave barrels around the White Horse Whisky distillery.

Painter

"I even worked as a mechanic, delivered bread and tried my hand at

painting and decorating."

Then a couple of mates persuaded Frank to dust off his boots and play for a local amateur team. Eighteen months later he was at St. Mirren.

Frank stayed five years at Love Street hoping that one day a top

English club would make an offer.
"West Ham's Interest came right
out of the blue," he recalls. "My boss
at St. Mirren, Alex Miller and I had flown down to London to meet Luton manager David Pleat. But he wasn't at

the hotel when we arrived.
"That didn't impress me too much. Nor did the terms offered by Mr. Pleat

when he eventually turned up.
"We came out of the hotel jumped into a taxi and on to a meeting with John Lyall.

"It didn't take much persuading for me to know my future was at West Ham.

"John Lyall simply told me: 'I've seen you play. All I want is for you to go out and do the business.

Frank McAmany did that all right!

ST of all time

BORN in Belfast in April, 1946 George Best is recognised as one of the greatest individual British players of all time. Joined Manchester United at 17 when he made his First Division debut. Won

the first of his 37 Northern Ireland caps shortly afterwards.

Scored 147 League goals in a sizzling United career which spanned ten years reaching a peak in 1968 when he gained British and European Footballer of the Year awards and cliniched a European Cup winners medal after United had on two Championships in 1965 and



the trophy collection was complete.

But while his many Championship

That's when Spanish giants Real

Madrid were outfought and outclassed

in Gothenburg and goals by Eric Black

and Scottish Cup victories were moments to be cherished, Fergie will always recall the night of May 11, 1983,

as his greatest achievement.

Alex Ferguson.

But when the big clubs were on his trail Fergie didn't want to know. Even when Rangers, the club he had supported and then played for, made him their number one choice to replace John Greig he steadfastly refused.

Not even the lure of the lira could tempt him from Pittodrie. When Inter Milan made a big-money move, a quick "arrivederci" from Fergie had their representative on his way back to Italy.

Why does he turn down such oppor-



A matter of fact

ABERDEEN'S original colours were black and gold. They switched to red and white in 1939.

THE Dons were founded in 1903 but had to wait unit! 1946 for their first major honour when they defeated Rangers 3-2 in the League Cup Final. And a year later they were celebrating the Scottish Cup Final. Their first Championship success was in 1955.

ALEX Ferguson is Aberdeen's eighth and by far the most successful—manager since the War. The others were Dave Halliday, Dave Shaw, Tommy Pearson, Eddie Turnbull, Jimmy McNelll. MacLeod quit in 1977 to beome Scotland boss, a post taken up

JIM Leighton (right) is not the first Aberdeen goalkeeper to play for Scotland. But he has already won more caps than the other three — Fred Martin (6), Bobby Clark (17) and Ernie McGarr (2) — put together.

ABERDEEN'S record attendance is unlikely ever to be beaten. A crowd of the Scottish Cup-tie



against Hearts in 1954 but in 1978 The Dons transformed Pittodrie into Britain's first all-seated stadium with a

NOT only do Aberdeen have the country's smallest Board of Directors but all three of them — chairman Dick Donald, his son lan and vice-chairman Dick Chris Anderson — are former Pittodrie brief spell with Manchester United.

tunities?

"That's an easy question to answer," he says. "I've already got a good job. Simple as that.

"There is still a great deal to achieve with Aberdeen and I'm very happy here. Job satisfaction counts for a lot."

That's bad news for the other clubs chasing honours ... but a real boost for Aberdeen and their fans who will never tire of Fergie's trophy-winning habit!

Skipper Willie Miller's confession

ABERDEEN have had their fair share of colourful characters at Pittodrie in the past but no one can match the achievements of captain Willie Miller (right).

For example, no Aberdeen skipper has ever collected more silverware. And Miller's way out in front as the club's most capped player.

Now an immaculate central defender, Miller actually arrived at Pittodrie in 1971 with ambitions to establish himself as a striker.

But he recalls: "It wasn't long before the club converted me into a defender. They had a few injury problems, I was asked to step in and I've been there ever since!"



GREAT SCOTT



A LEX Ferguson would be the first to admit that Teddy Scott is Mr Aber-

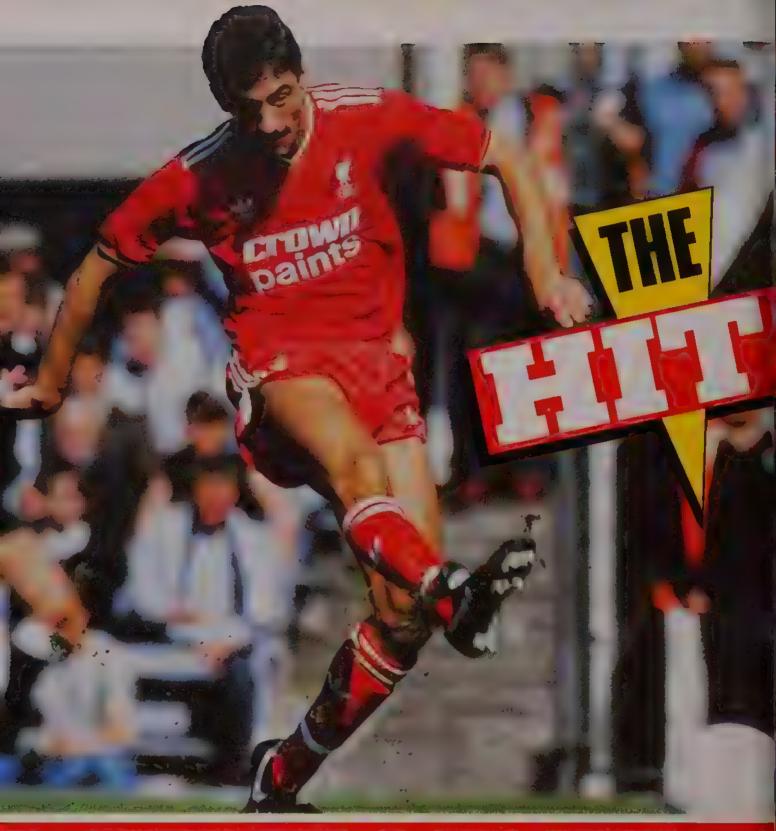
Teddy first joined the club in 1954 as a promising centre-half and apart from a brief spell at Brechin towards the end of his playing career he's been with The Dons ever since.

No job is too big or to small for Teddy, one of the game's unsung heroes.

There's a nice story that sums up his value. The Dons were playing in Switzerland and while Teddy had packed the hamper he didn't make the true.

Upon arrival it was discovered he'd put in the wrong colour shorts. "That's the sack for Scott when we get back," laughed Fernie.

laughed Fergie.
Midfield star Gordon Strachan, new with Manchester United, quipped.
"Well, that'll be ten jobs up for grabs!"



'Are we a dying breed?'

ders in the world, the ball was at an impossible height and Mark Hugher was standing at the wrong ingle. But with a devastating display of acrobatics, timing at sheer inspiration he science wolleyed one of the great of goals I have ever seen.

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It's being there that matters - having the nose for the half chance, the rebound, the deflection. Don't ask me why Fire stood III | certain black during | crazy goalmouth up a certain position in the box.

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First-rate finisher

Few players have received so much unfair stick as Wattend's former England striker Luther Busself Yer you cannot argue with statistics — and they establish him as a first-rate finisher.

Luther has lound the net consistently in all four divisions, blazed through queat Cup explores, rattled a hat wick ingland his recent appearance and despite leappointing seek to talk a seek and the seek and the seek and the seek as the seek

few in Italy as well.

Ceixe's Mo Jahnston is an eye-catching young striker on page and composite midde the box. He connects will a high percentage of balls thrown into that most con-

Below Master blaster Mark Hughes, one of the deadlest strikers in the world, has scored many spectacular goals like this flying header against Aston Villa at Old Trafford Right Aberdeen's Eric Black makes a habit of hitting vital Cup goals





recognition ... which he promptly rewarded by scoring goals for his country.

And Abertieen produced a gem in Eric Black who became something of an expert in Cup Finals, scoring in Cup Winners Cup, Scottish Cup and League Cup Finals, won by

The Dons.

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My biggest feet is that modern fasthalf with so much at sake and a man of the sake and a

players — and I often wonder if this is because they are

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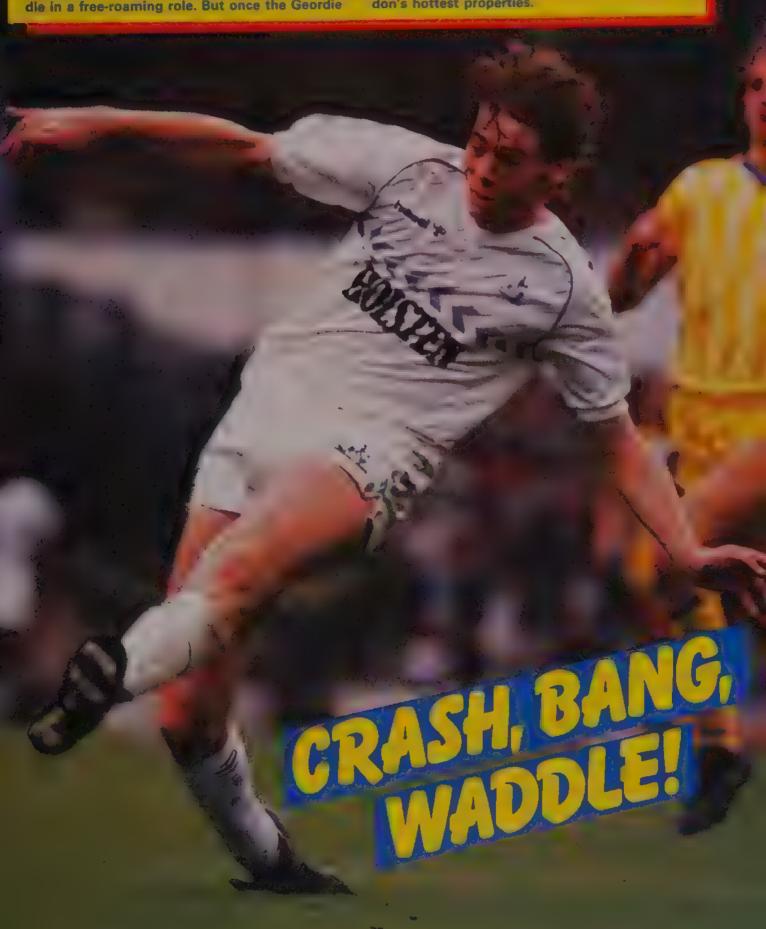
More and more players will find scoring more simple by arriving late from deep positions. Thus reducing me time during which they can be marked. This knack makes Wark and Robson deadly i just lope we are still as deadly an element in the game when I'm back on the terraces, a





The arguments raged for months before fans in London accepted that Chris Waddle is one of the best wingers in the modern game. Signed from Newcastle United in the summer of 1985, he came to multi-million pound Spurs in a blaze of publicity as Peter Shreeve paraded what he really believed was a Championship-winning squad. Sadly he reckoned without his occasionally woeful defence — and his incorrect selection of Waddle in a free-roaming role. But once the Geordie

got back on his favourite flank, his crosses, direct running and goalscoring brought the fans out of their expensive White Hart Lane seats. Despite a few spluttering displays, he also had an almighty hand in England's 1986 World Cup qualification, repaying manager Bobby Robson's faith in his skills with some splendid solo moments and an international scoring breakthrough. Waddle—badly missed by United—is now one of London's hottest properties.





FOOTBALL LEAGUE
CUP FINAL
1969
Arsenal 1, Swindon Town 3
By Bob Wilson

Cup... until Bobby Gould followed up a half-chance to head us level.

"I'll never forget how much we celebrated that moment, leaping off towards our fans, arms aloft, close to tears with relief — but if we thought Swindon were broken, we were wrong.
"Don Rogers chose extra-time

"Don Rogers chose extra-time to etch his name into folklore with a snappy shot to put them back in front and a tremendous

'Wembley shocker'

"I never forget my first Wembley Final with Arsenal because the result shook football to its

"No disrespect to Swindon
Town but Arsenal had lost the
previous Final 1-0 to Leeds, had a
powerful line-up, albeit
weakened by illness to some
players beforehand and were
definite favourites.

"Wembley was a disgrace, the pitch a bumpy, muddy mess. But that is not why we were beaten because Town had to play on it as well — and they played extremely

"Roger Smart cashed in on a dreadful defensive mix-up to give Swindon the lead. We battled and pounded away at their goal without success and it looked as if that goal would win them the

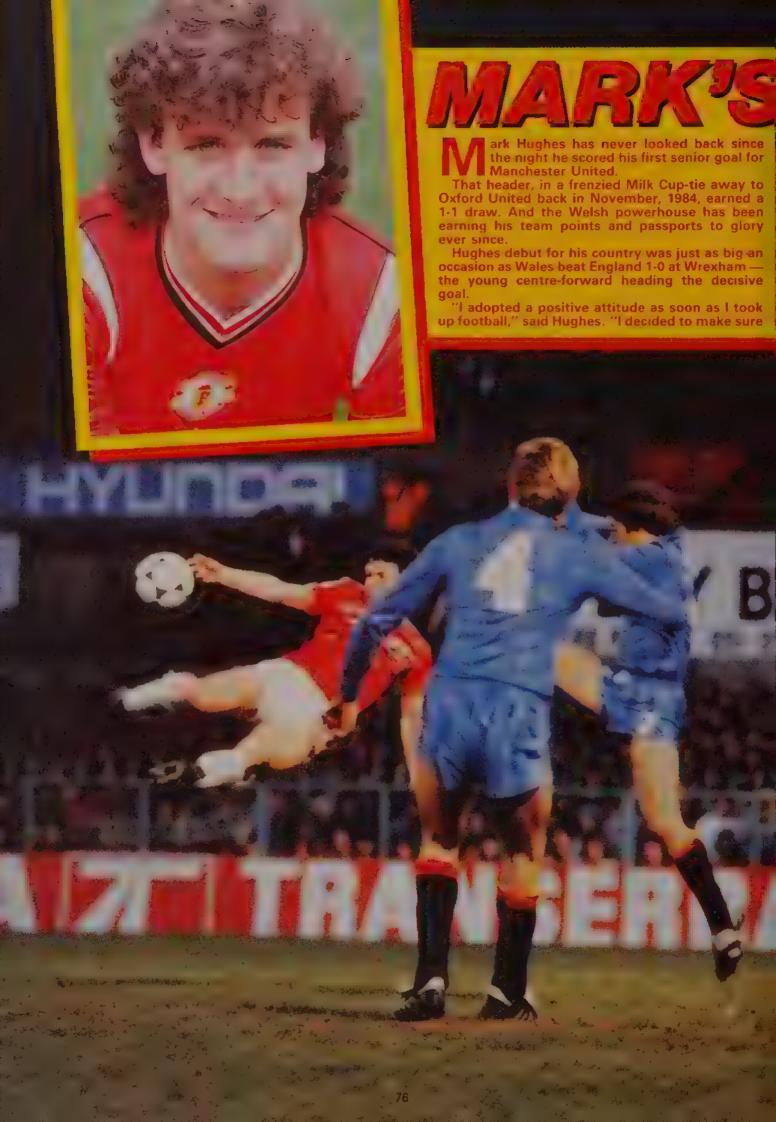
solo burst that ended with him sweeping round me to plonk the third in our net.

"I often think back on that amazing day — and shudder."

Arsenal are left for dead as Don Rogers (not in photo) puts Swindon ahead.







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I was able to look after myself physically and once I had that confidence I knew the ability would show.

"I have been criticised for my aggressive style But this is a game for men, a physical game in which you give and take knocks in the chase for

I don't score enough of the scruffy goals, the tap ins and close-range stabs that add up to 30

goals a season.

"My mate and Welsh partner lan Rush has the nose for those goals as well as the spectacular shots and powerful headers. We complement each other at international level.

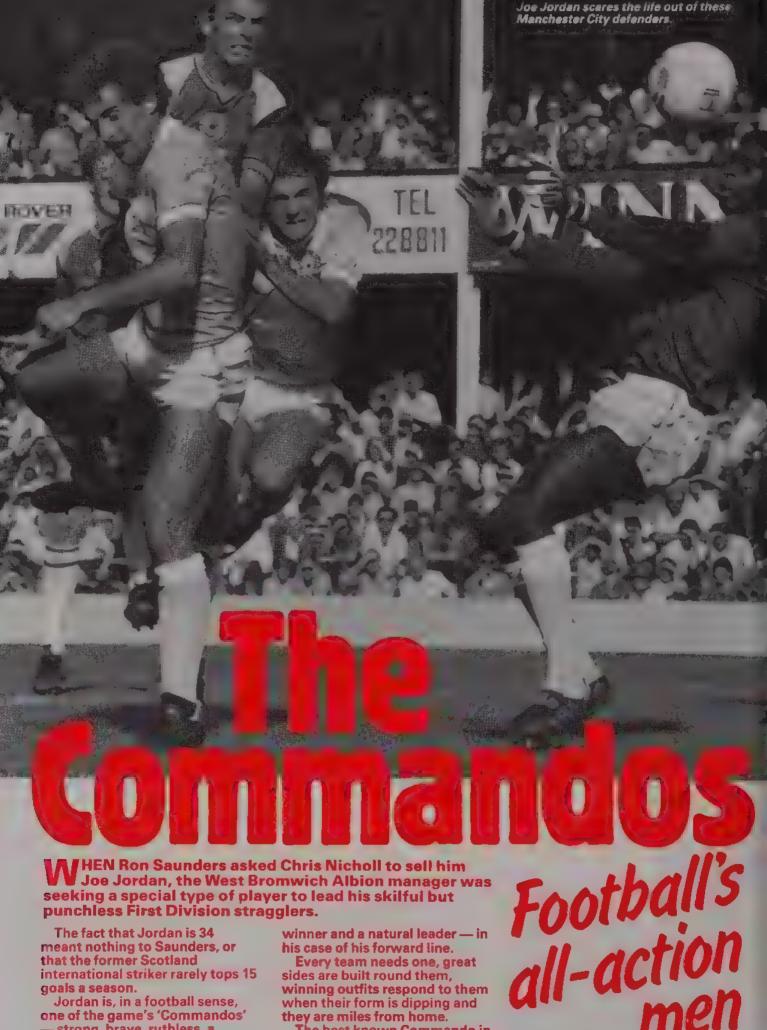
But I spend more time outside the box, as a

target man and going deep to collect the ball. I am certain I'll home in on more of the bread and butter goals as my career develops. But for the time being I'm determined to sustain the start I have made. That means getting the better of the best defenders in the League.

"I have special goals I remember -- like the scissors-kick special (below) I pulled off against Spain in a World Cup game in 1985. It was too low to head and too high to kick, but somehow i managed to contort my body to connect
"My favourite? I'll never forget my winner

against Liverpool in the 1985 FA Cup Semi-Final replay. Now that was a strike to savour





Jordan is, in a football sense, one of the game's 'Commandos' - strong, brave, ruthless, a

goals a season.

international striker rarely tops 15

Every team needs one, great sides are built round them, winning outfits respond to them when their form is dipping and they are miles from home. The best known Commando in

men

Europe these days is a curly-haired Scot with velvet touch inside chain-mail armour. Graeme Souness of Sampdoria and Scotland is one of the best captains in the world.

I have never deliberately hurt another player in my life," he says: "but football is a game for men, a competitive, physical contest where the stongest as well as the most talented come out on top. I will never shirk a challenge, duck a tackle or shy away from responsibility.

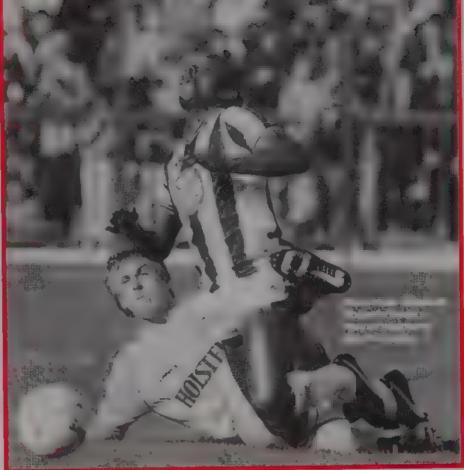
Souness can shred a defence with one glorious ball ... and do the same to an opponent rash enough to attempt rough stuff or

sly digs.

Above all, he organises, inspires and leads with his back straight, his head up and his stare

All the truly successful teams of the past have boasted such a man





 Dave Mackay of Spurs, Tommy Smith of Liverpool, Billy Bremner of Leeds, Bobby Murdoch of Celtic, John Greig of Rangers and Peter Storey at Arsenal.

Today we have a new breed. But they share an age-old quality courage. "I cannot change my style, although I know it will lead to a certain amount of injury problems," admits Manchester United and England captain Bryan Robson.

l advised our defender Kevin Moran how to use his arms as a protective shield when going for high balls — perfectly fair and necessary for a player of his guts and determination. It cut down his facial injuries. Yet I cannot stop myself from going in for tackles that will sometimes risk an almighty whack.

Robson ailies this forceful, brave style to pace and skill and emerges a Commando of the

S.A.S. variety.

Celtic's Roy Aitken suffered the humiliation of being sent off in the 1984 Scottish Cup Final against Aberdeen, for a bulldozing tackle, the first player to be dismissed in the Final since 1929. But he overcame the memory to play a major role in his team's triumph in the 1985 Final against Dundee United.

"It was an awful moment," says Aitken: "But I had to take my punishment, put the whole thing out of my mind and get on with my game. It never entered my head in the next Final."

Aitken's game is compulsive viewing — all strength, courage, driving ambition and versatility. In defence or midfield, for club or country, Aitken never hides, always supports men on the ball, wins it like a terrier and uses it positively. A player you always want on your side and never as an opponent.

When multi-million pound Spurs start to wobble round their cheque stubs, they send for former Weymouth part-timer Graham Roberts, whose whole attitude to the modern game has elevated him from non-League football to international stardom.

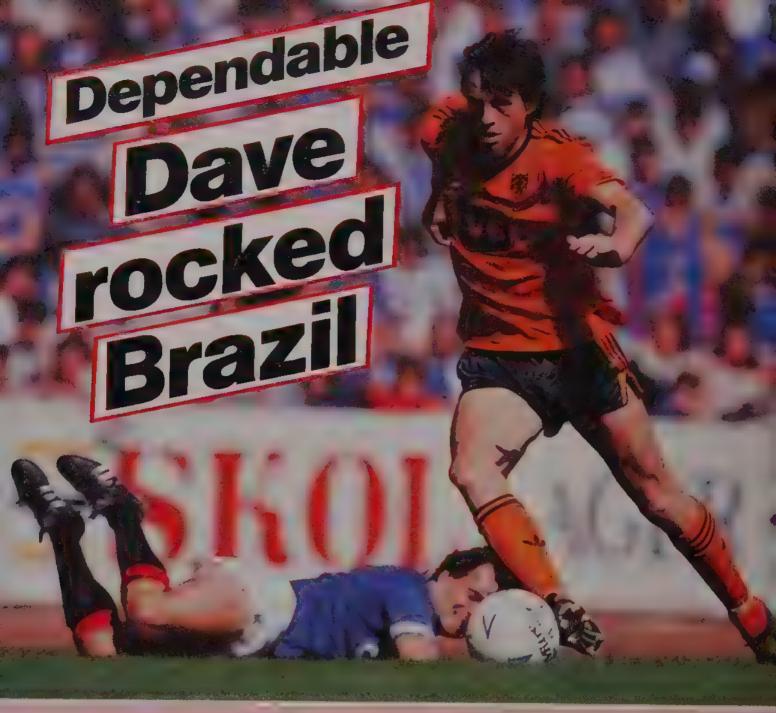
Everton's long-overdue dominance on Merseyside was greatly assisted by the presence of Peter Reid in midfield. The former Bolton Wanderers player overcame a frightening list of serious injuries to star in a splendid League Championship, FA Cup winning and Cup Winners' Cup winning team.

Reid, whose excellent form took him into the England team, is a master-tackler and a man who can hold a team together when the seas get choppy then lead them onto the offensive by making them play.

"Yes, I can tackle well," he says: "But I get tired of being described as a tackler first and foremost. I can also control a ball,

beat opponents and pass!" Peter Reid, like many excellent British players, is a real, all-action

Commando!



undee United's rock-solid central defender Dave Narey has earned himself the tag 'Mr Dependable'.

In 13 years at Tannadice he has missed only a handful of games and in helping United to the forefront of both the domestic and European scenes he has taken his appearance total beyond the 500 mark.

Narey, born in Dundee 30 years ago, was one of manager Jim McLean's first signings. At that time he was still at school but the pair have since come a long way together.

United were not one of the country's more fashionable outfits when Narey was first called up. But along with skipper Paul Hegarty he has been the cornerstone of the most successful side in the club's history.

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The trophy cabinet at his Tayside home is packed with souvenirs that tell their own story. He was ever-present, significantly, when United landed their very first title in 1983 and he played a

leading role in the 1980 and 1981 League Cup triumphs.

At international level, too, Narey had enjoyed considerable success. After winning youth and Under-21 honours he made the first of many senior appearances in a friendly against 'Sweden at Hampden in 1977 when he helped Scotland to a 3-1 win.

First cap

"Winning my first senior cap was a tremendous thrill," he recalls, "and the fact that I was the first player from Dundee United ever to play for my country was the icing on the cake.

"But the memory I treasure more than any other as a Scotland player has to be my goal against Brazil in the World Cup Finals in Spain four years and."

Manager Jock Stein drafted him in at right-back against the men from Brazil to counter the huge threat posed by their talented left-winger Eder. The move paid off handsomely, if unexpectedly, after only 18 minutes when Narey rounded off a nine-man movement to thunder a tremendous volley beyond the stunned Brazilian goakeeper Waldir Peres.

That Brazil equalised through Zico
15 minutes later and scored three more
without reply did nothing to detract
from Narey's moment of glory.

Yet the modest six-footer had no idea his career would reach such a fabulous peak when it got off to a distinctly low-key start back in 1972

distinctly low-key start back in 1973.

He explains: "My debut was against Falkirk at Tannadice on a Wednesday afternoon. It was a re-arranged game that had originally been abandoned because of fog.

"It was during a miners' strike, floodlit football was banned and therefore a crowd of just over 1,000 turned up. I'm told there hasn't been a lower attendance at Tannadice since the War so I never have any bother remembering my first appearance."





Managers have been encouraged to turn to the mean and hungry type of striker to meet the demands of the world game.

As defenders become fitter and sharper, so strikers have been forced to match them for mobility

mobility.
Today's striker is expected to slog for hours in training to lose vital pounds. Only the nimblest striker stands a chance of outmanoeuvring the sleek defenders that dominate the world game today.

England's change in style has been coming since Ron Greenwood tried to find a successful attacking force for the 1982 World Cup Finals.

The England boss resisted fierce pressure from the media to launch West Bromwich Albion's burly 13 stone favourite Cyrille Regis on the French and the Czechs in Bilbao.

Greenwood preferred quicksilver strikers like Trevor Francis, Tony Woodcock and Kevin Keegan.

It is true that he took Ipswich Town's Paul Mariner to Spain. At six foot tall and weighing 12 stone 6 lbs, Mariner was a formidable specimen and had the mobility and the goal-scoring record for England to keep his place.

Greenwood had never enjoyed the same success when employing big Bob Latchford. Everton's burly striker had a phenomenal League scoring record but his five England goals in a dozen appearances never matched his club performances.

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Yet successive England
managers before Greenwood
helped pioneer the new era of
lean strikers leant heavily on the
juggernaut type attackers in their
search for success.

Warhorse

The big Bolton Wanderers favourite Nat Lofthouse, Busby Babe Tommy Taylor, old West Brom warhorse Derek Kevan, Spurs' double winning champion Bobby Smith, World Cup winning hero Geoff Hurst, Everton's Joe Royle and Martin Chivers, another Tottenham favourite, were all from the school of battering-ram giants, renowned for their muscular, no-nonsense approach rather than the sublime goal-scoring skills of a Rossi, Platini or Rush.

Their approach was essential to

the needs of those times. Who will forget Geoff Hurst hurling his 13 stone frame against the might of the West German defence in scoring a World Cup winning hat-trick for England in 1966?

No one complained he was too big in those days. But would the former West Ham favourite have enjoyed so much freedom to manoeuvre his large frame through today's air-tight

rearguards?
West Ham's John Lyall clearly has no reservations about his current goal-scoring phenomenon, Tony Cottee, who scales 11 stone at 5ft 8ins. Cottee's secret? Size means nothing. He's simply as quick as Rush in the penalty-area, snatching goals that leaden-footed, more ponderous strikers would never sniff.

No one is seeking to denigrate the records of Britain's international 'giants' of the past, simply to point out that their style in the immediate post-War era would not always work today.

Who, for instance, can complain about Nat Lofthouse's contribution to England's re-building operation after the last War.

The big Bolton Wanderers

centre-forward never let England down with his no-nonsense tactics in the 1950's, scoring 30 international goals in 33 England appearances.

Tottenham's burly Bobby Smith, a member of their double winning team, averaged almost a goal a game in 15 England

appearances.

He formed a thrilling attacking partnership with the prolific goal-scoring imp Jimmy Greaves which saw Smith's brawn taking the weight off his sharp-shooting sidekick for Greavsie to flourish in

the spaces created.
One football record book described Smith as 'overweight and sluggish' when he left Chelsea for Spurs in an £18,000 transfer deal in 1955. It goes on to record that at Spurs Smith as 'transformed into a slimline, bustling, brave goal grabber of the highest order, scoring 28 League goals in the fabulous double winning season'.

as he had First Division rearquards.

The England manager clearly preferred the more mobile style of Gary Lineker alongside Hateley

Lineker, weighing only 11 stone 10 lbs. is as sharp and as pacey as a runaway stag, just the talents necessary these days.

Splash out

Liverpool striker Paul Walsh weighs even less, just 10 stone 8 lbs. He is impossible to mark when he touches the form that persuaded Liverpool to splash out £750,000 to transfer him from Luton in 1984.

Critics of this argument will complain that there are times when sheer physical presence is essential to break down modern

They suggest that there are times when big, burly players

hurling themselves onto the end of free kicks is worth twice as much as the dainty stuff.

That point is countered by managers who employ the services of defenders in an attacking role at set-pieces. Terry Butcher, the England centre-half, has earned a frightening reputation for scoring goals, and Everton's centre-half Derek Mountfield embarrassed many a striker in the 1984-85 season when his 12 stone 7 lbs frame smashed down First Division defences to reap a personal haul of 10 goals in Everton's Championship winning season.

Who did they have up front? Two highly mobile 11 stoners, Andy Gray at 5ft 11ins and the 6ft

1in Graeme Sharp.

World Cup hero

Geoff Hurst.



both 6ft 1in tall, carried on the tradition of 'Dreadnought' sized strikers into the Sixties and Seventies.

They all weighed 12 stone or over, essential bone covering to survive in those times of titanic collisions before referees tightened-up.

Only Kerry Dixon, of England's current crop of strikers, carries

the weight of the old guard.
The Chelsea striker's brilliant
goal-scoring record forced the England door open but Bobby Robson clearly needed some convincing that the 13 stone giant had the right style to crack foreign defences as successfully

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PAST:	Geoff Hurst West Ham and England	5.11 I	12.0	
PRESENT:	Trevor Francis England	5.11	11.7	
PAST:	Francis Lee Man City and England	5.7	12.2	
PRESENT:	Paul Walsh Liverpool and England	5.7	10.8	

Tenny Dalglish (Liverpool), Mick Mills (Stoke City) and Frank Worthington (Tranmere

Rovers) each have one thing in common - they are player-managers. So what problems are they facing? We put the question to some of those who have been through the mill, who know what it's like suddenly to change from shop-floor to management.

Suspicion JOHN WILE

(Player-manager at Peterborough United)

ou soon realise you have to be apart from your players. I remember hearing Bobby Robson talking on the topic, and he put it in a nutshell when he said: "You've got to sit on another part of the bench."

You must have a rapport with your players, of course, but you've also got to have that distance between you.

In some respects that will start happening automatically, because players have a natural suspicion of you once you become boss. It's an in-built thing.





Player's respect DENIS SMITH (Manager York City)

t Kenny's level it is a totally different ball game to that facing Frank Worthington which is the one at which I started.

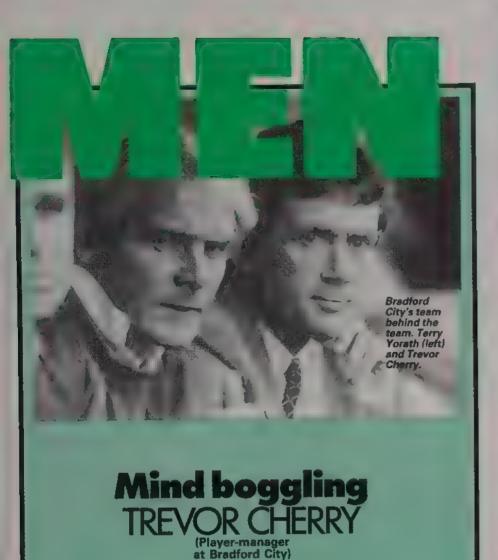
He'll have a lot more things to think about than just playing. Yet he's playing in the First Division and you have to give 100 per cent dedication to your playing because you're performing at the highest level in the world.

As long as you've got the respect of the players, you should have no major

problems. Then it is just a matter of finding the time to do training.

Obviously when you become player-manager you're heading towards the end of your playing days, and that is when you need as much training as you can get!

You can find yourself having to be involved in business lunches and PR exercises. They are an inevitable part of the job but, of course, they can hinder your playing.



and do too much at the beginning. The organising and administration can leave you short for playing.

playing.
You also discover when you have a busy week in the office that it can affect your performance.

I remember approaching a game against York after a week in which one problem had crowded upon another. So by the time I came to put on my strip in the dressing room I recall thinking to myself 'What's next on the agenda?'

My mind was in a daze, it didn't register that it was a football match!



24 hour dayALAN BALL

(ex-player-manager at Blackpool, now Portsmouth manager)

he difficulties include divorcing yourself from your particular performance each Saturday.

When you go onto the pitch as player-manager you are out there to play but in doing that you tend to forget your managerial role.

It is a thin dividing line between concentrating on your own play and thinking about the performances of

others.

Then during the week you have to train to keep yourself fit and often coach at the same time which is not easy. There is also the paper work!

There are 24 hours in a day — and you've got to work most of them!



A good number two

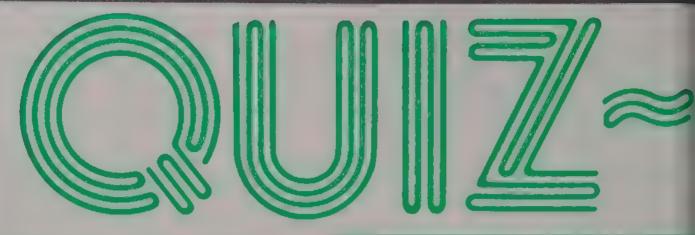
good assistant manager is vital to a player-manager.
You need somebody to share

some of the pressure. He must be someone you trust completely and have the same ideas on how the game should be played.

So, if you're away on board meetings or tribunals, you know things will run

I would also stress that you should not be afraid to make mistakes because you will do — almost every day! But that's how you learn.





- 1. Who said 'Football isn't a matter of life and death, It's more serious than that'?
- 2. Arsenal paid £1m for him, yet he never played a League game for them before being transferred to Crystal Palace. Can you name him?
- 3. Edson Arantes do Nascimento is the full name of a legendary Brazilian star. Who?
- 4. Which famous Liverpool player of The Seventies was nicknamed 'Little Mouse'?
- 5. The club is based in England, yet plays in the Scottish League. Got it?
- 6. Only two countries have achieved a hat-trick of World Cup wins each. Know them?
- 7. Who play soccer at Rugby Park?
- 8. Brian Clough enjoyed only a short reign at Elland Road as manager of Leeds United. How many days did it last?
- 9. How many Scotsmen played in Liverpool's 1977 European Cup win in Rome?
- 10. Who scored for both sides in the 1946 F.A. Cup Final, when Derby County beat Charlton 4-1 at Wembley?

You've probably played that popular indoor game Trivial Pursuit. Here we present a brain-teasing selection of questions about the amazing, the

- 11. Jimmy Greaves, the TV personality, once had a spell with an Italian club. Which one?
- 12. True or False? Two Third Division clubs have won the League Cup.
- 13. Which is the elder brother: John or Justin Fashanu?
- 14. Which manager of a British country has the surname of a rival home country?
- 15 Has the 100th Scottish Cup Final been played yet?
- 16. Everton have won a trophy that neighbours Liverpool have yet to capture. What is it?
- 17. Name the Arsenal star who was educated at a public school?





unusual, the off-beat in the world of football. See how many you can answer off the top of your head in double-quick time. Ready, steady, go!

- 18. The Maracana, the World's largest ground, situated in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, can hold how many fans?
- 19 What have Blackburn Rovers, Portsmouth, Preston, Burnley, Manchester City, Tottenham Hotspur, Leeds United and Derby County in common when it comes to Football League honours?
- 20. In season 1983-84 which Sheffield club set up an unbeaten run of 15 games in the Second Division?
- 21 Sir Alf Ramsey is the only manager to have won the Championships of the First, Second, and Third Divisions Can you name the club he steered to this unique hat-trick?
- 22. Pat Jennings, the great Northern Ireland 'keeper with a record number of caps for his country, first played for which League club?

- 23 Who is the oldest player to turn out in First Division football? Clues It was for Stoke City v Fulham in February, 1965, he was 50 years and 5 days old, and he was later knighted.
- 24. In 1983-84 who became the first British winner of the European Adidas Golden boot award with a total of 32 goals?
- 25. Name the striker whose individual trademark after scoring a goal is to celebrate by whirling his right arm like a windmill?
- 26. Celtic's most-capped player is a full-back. His name is ——?
- 27. Pop-loving Chelsea idol, 5 6" Pat Nevin, was once turned down by Celtic. Can you guess why?
- 28. 'Thames Ironworks' was once the name of which London club?
- 29 Nottingham Forest's Dutch midfield man Johnny Metgod previously played for which Spanish side?
- 30. Before joining Watford, John McClelland captained Glasgow Rangers. Which country has he won caps for and it's not Scotland.



efore Swindon's shock Milk Cup victory over Sunderland last season, LOU MACARI took his squad to an Army barracks for three

'The lads had to sleep on hard bunk beds and they did complain a little about having to take cold showers. but the food and practice facilities were excellent and the Army were very hospitable," asserts Macari.

We asked other managers to recall

tough or unusual training schedules Sheffield Wednesday HOWARD WILKINSON, whose squad must rank among the fittest in the League, regards football as an endurance

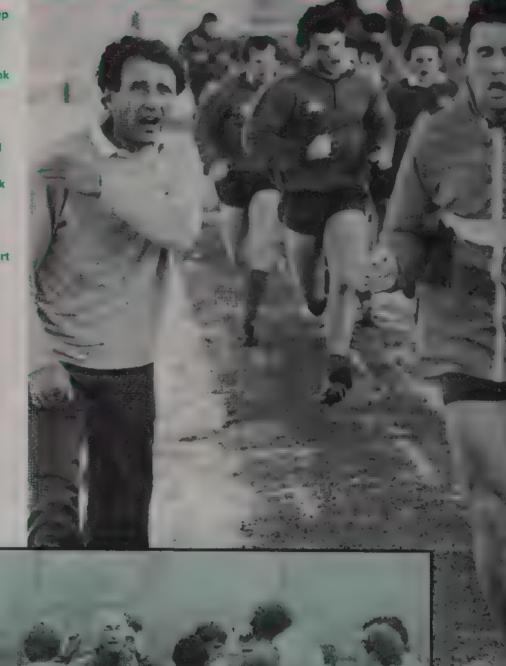
activity.
"Our weekly running sessions, country hillsides and range from short sprints to one-and-a-half hour runs, are extremely demanding, but by varying times and locations, I think we manage to take the boredom out

of it.
"In any case, running shouldn't be seen as a drudgery but as a way of improving you as a player," insists Wilkinson.

Coventry manager DON MACKAY, remembers a particularly arduous session from his Dundee days.

"I'd organised our annual pre-season cross-country run in the Highland woods and hills and,

Right: Howard Wilkinson's training routines have made Sheffield Wednesday one of the fittest teams in Britain. Below: Jock Wallace organises his Rangers squad before taking them to the dreaded Gullane Sands Sands.





For some clubs training is like a Commando assault course.



because ! like to keep fit myself, I led the lads off

"Three young apprentices decided that I wouldn't notice if they slipped off and took a short cut. But I did

"I waited over an hour for them while the team coach went back to Dundee and eventually three lonely, mud-spattered bodies turned up, having run 14 miles more than their colleagues because they'd got lost.

"The next year they kept up with me all the way," adds Mackay with a chickle

Wimbledon, like Sheffield Wednesday, are renowned for their physical attributes, but manager DAVE BASSETT's most demanding routine does not only involve running.

"To help the players improve their ball-control and their stamina at the same time, we play a man-for man game of six-or-seven-a side, often on a full-size pitch," explains Bassett.

"This gives them practice at both marking and losing their marker but it can only work in three-minute spells because the exercise is extremely strenuous

"In fact, the whole session only lasts 20 minutes, but by the end, the lads have really earned a break, I can tell you," says Bassett firmly.

Although he was Mr Energy during his playing days, Portsmouth's ALAN BALL doesn't like giving his squad a



Left: Alan Bell is a 'big softie' at heart. Above: Dave Bessett's methods at Wimbledon involve a great deal of ball work.

hard time

"I give them a tough run in the morning, which doesn't always go down too well, but our training sessions are generally low key affairs I'm a big softie, you see," reveals Ball "If we play badly, I don't drag the

"If we play badly, I don't drag the players through any gruelling routine as a punishment, either I do all my ranting and raving when they're on the field."

The legendary disciplinarian, JOCK WALLACE of Rangers has his own special recipe for sorting out the men from the boys before the start of a season. He takes his players to Gullane Sands, just outside Edinburgh, for a training routine that resembles a Commando assault routse.

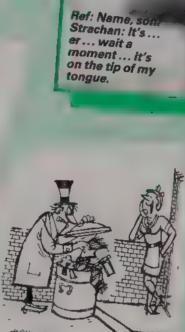
"The idea is to concentrate purely on stamina sprints and those energy-sapping sand dunes, all of which are at an angle of 75 degrees, are perfect," says Wallace

"Every player has to complete 20 to 24 of these sprints and nobody is allowed to fail if they want to play for Rangers

'I don't care if they have to crawl up those dunes on their hands and knees," barks the man who once told a young player who stopped to be sick during one such session. 'Hey son if you're going to be sick, do it as you're running."







"Don't tell me the all-conquering, unbeatable invinci-bles have gone and got them-selves knocked out of the Cup."



"Before we take this bounce-up will a certain gentleman lower his right boot."



"Quick - red alert. Get the stretcher and smelling salts ready."

HE glare of publicity shone brightly on Hibs' fleet-footed marksman Gordon Durie last season.

Hardly a week went by without a big-name club being linked with the youngster. Spurs, Manchester United, Chelsea and Liverpool were among the many outfits to practically purchase season tickets for Easter Road.

Working quietly in the shadows, though, was Steve Cowan, rejected at Aberdeen by Alex Ferguson and bought for a bargain £50,000 by Hibs boss

John Blackley.

And, in a fascinating tug-of-war on the goalscoring front, Durie and Cowan, team-mates in green-and-white, were rivals in

the hit parade.

Stevie Wonder and Jukebox
Durie — fashionably nicknamed
by their adoring fans — climbed
the charts at a scintillating rate
bringing a smile to Blackley's face
and scowls to rival defenders.

Cowan overcame injury problems to give his career the kiss of life. In true Roy of the Rovers fashion he resurrected his career. One minute he was heading for the scrapheap, the next he was shooting for stardom.

"Leaving Aberdeen was a tough decision," says Steve, "but it really turned out well for me.

"I wasn't sure of a first team game at Pittodrie such was the depth of the playing squad. There seemed to be about three players for every position.

"As any striker will tell you, confidence is everything. And to



gain that much-needed commodity you need a run of games in the top side.

"But, such was the pressure at Aberdeen, changes were made when the goods weren't instantly

delivered.

"When I got the opportunity to go to Hibs I didn't hesitate. When I met manager John Blackley it took me about two minutes to get my signature on those transfer forms.

"I haven't looked back since. I thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Easter Road and I'm looking forward to the future."

Fair-haired Cowan dovetailed perfectly with Durie in their first

season together.

"It was quite amazing," says Cowan. "You would have thought we were playing alongside each other all our lives.

"But he's an easy guy to team up with. His speed is quite startling. Sometimes he's too quick for his own good!

"However, he is totally unselfish. Most goalscorers tend to be a bit greedy, but although Gordon gets more than his share,

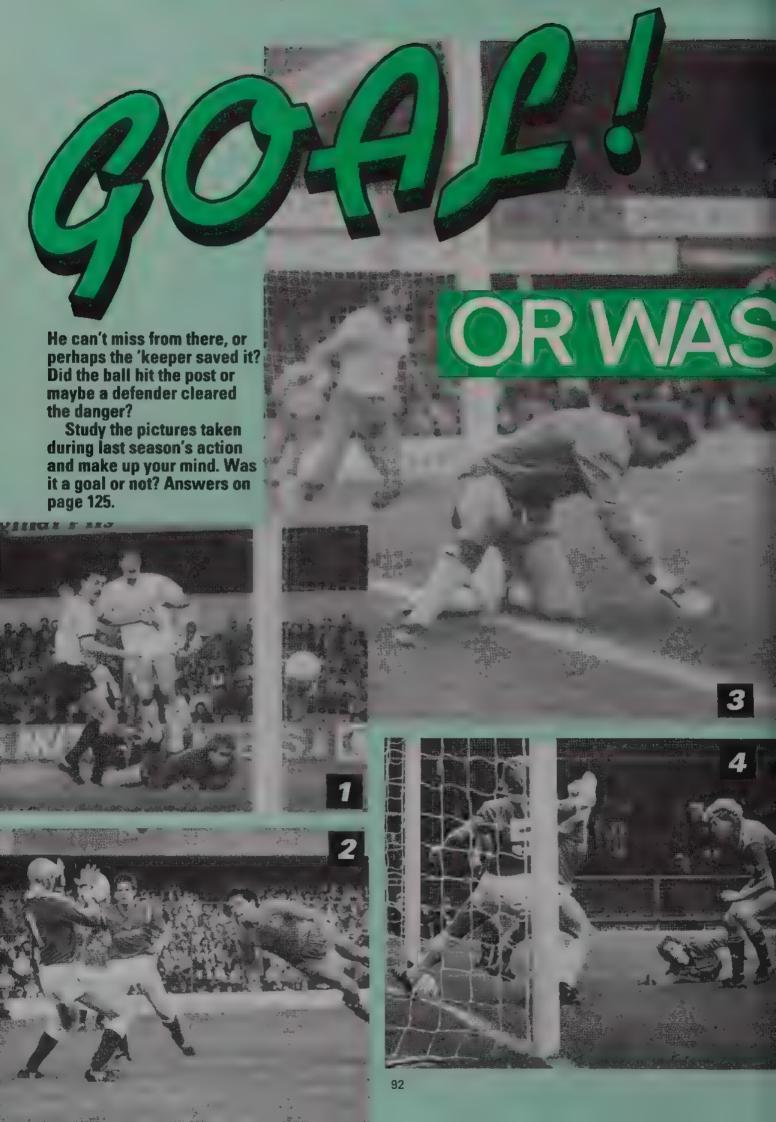
he's not selfish.
"I think we've been good for

each other."
Ironically, Cowan's first Cup
Final for Hibs was against his old
club Aberdeen in the League Cup

at Hampden last season. "Well, I certainly found out

"Well, I certainly found out what it was like to play against my old mates that day," says Cowan. "They scored two early goals, then closed the game down.

"They're an immensely professional outfit and I can see Hibs are heading in the same direction."







verton manager Howard Kendall has emerged as one of the shrewdest operators in the transfer market in recent years.

In his first five years in charge at Goodison Park, Kendall spent £5,265,000 on 26 players but recouped £3,171,000 of that by selling 30.

And while the Everton boss has occasionally broken the bank to sign men like Adrian Heath and Gary Lineker, it's Kendall's eye for a bargain which has made him such a successful manipulator of the market.

Peter Reid, Derek Mountfield, Neville Southall and Trevor Steven were all virtually unheard of in First Division circles when Kendall brought them to Goodison.

Now he's hoping to have the same success with young reserves such as Paul Wilkinson, Bobby Mimms, Darrin Coyle and Warren Aspinali.

Neville Southall

Position: Goalkeeper. Joined Everton: July, 1981, £150,000 from

Bury.

Analysis: Kendall's second signing for the club and arguably his best. Unable to hold down a regular place at first due to the dependability of Jim Arnold and even went to Port Vale on loan in January 1983. Established himself at the start of the 1984-85 season and has never looked back. Undisputed Welsh number one, his excellent reflexes deservedly won him the Footballer of the Year award for 1984-85.

Derek Mountfield

Position: Centre-half.

Joined Everton: June 1982, £30,000 from

Tranmere

Analysis: Mike Walsh, Glenn Keeley and Billy Wright had all failed to impress Kendall, but Mountfield struck up an immediate understanding with Kevin Ratcliffe when injury struck down Mark Higgins. Took to the First Division superbly and was outstanding during 1984-85, scoring 14 goals as a bonus. Sorely missed when ruled out the following season by a knee injury.

Pat Van den Hauwe

Position: Left-back.
Joined Everton: September, 1984,
£100,000 from Birmingham.
Analysis: Regarded as just another run
of the mill First Division player before
Kendall gave him the chance to prove his
true worth in a class team. Quick,
reliable and aggressive, England wanted
him as cover for Kenny Sansom but
Belgium-born Pat preferred to play for
Wales. Proved his versatility by
deputising brilliantly for the injured
Mountfield in 1985-86.

Paul Bracewell

Position: Centre midfield. Joined Everton: May, 1984, £250,000 from Sunderland.

Analysis: A tireless but unspectacular worker, Bracewell's successful combination with Peter Reid was the key to Everton's incredible success in 1985. Showed much potential at an early age but seemed to have lost his way at

Sunderland following a transfer from Stoke. Kendall used all the build-up to the 1984 F.A. Cup Final as a smokescreen to make his move and got his man on the eve of the big game. Won his first England cap in the summer of 1985.

Trevor Steven

Position: Right midfield.

Joined Everton: July 1983, £300,000 from

Burnley.

Analysis: Stood out as a potential diamond in a struggling Burnley team and Kendall had to beat off a number of challengers to get his man. But Steven's early performances for Everton were none too impressive and it looked as though he was going to become another Goodison miss. Returned to the team as less of a winger and more of a midfield player and the transformation was incredible. Came of age during the 1984 F.A. Cup Final when he tore Watford's defence apart. Scored 16 times the following season, and this eye for goal coupled with lightning acceleration soon earned him England recognition.

Peter Reid

Position: Centre midfield. Joined Everton: December 1982, £60,000

from Bolton.

Analysis: Arsenal, Wolves and Everton had all been prepared to pay more than £400,000 for the England Under-21 international before a series of terrible injuries threatened to curtail the career of Reid. Kendall eventually got his man for a knockdown £60,000 and once Reid gained a regular place in the Everton midfield it soon became apparent why he had been so highly rated. A brilliant tackler and steadying influence on the youngsters around him, Reid's defensive covering enabled his more attacking team-mates the freedom to blast Everton to unparalleled success in '85. A tremendous dressing-room character, voted the PFA's Player of the Year in 1985, when he finally gained full international recognition. A superb signing by Kendall.

Andy Gray

Position: Centre-forward. Joined Everton: November, 1983, £200,000 from Wolves. Analysis: Totally transformed a team struggling near the foot of the First Division table. Once the most expensive player in Britain, most clubs believed Gray's astonishing bravery had made him injury-prone. Kendall knew better, and within months of his arrival Everton had won the F.A. Cup to end a 14-year-run without a major honour. The darling of the Goodison Park fans, Gray terrorised the Continental defences during the Cup-Winners' Cup run in 1985. Returned to Aston Villa for £150,000 following an incredible 18-month love affair with Everton.

Kevin Sheedy

Position: Left midfield. Joined Everton: August, 1982, £100,000

from Liverpool.

Analysis: Liverpool had signed Sheedy from Hereford and were grooming him for glory, but his patience ran out after years in their reserve team and moved across Stanley Park in 1982 for First Division football. Tremendous passing ability and deadly around the box with his free-kick expertise, Sheedy's contribution of 17 goals to the 1984-85 season included a number of crucial

Gary Lineker

Position: Centre-forward. Joined Everton: June 1985, £800,000 from

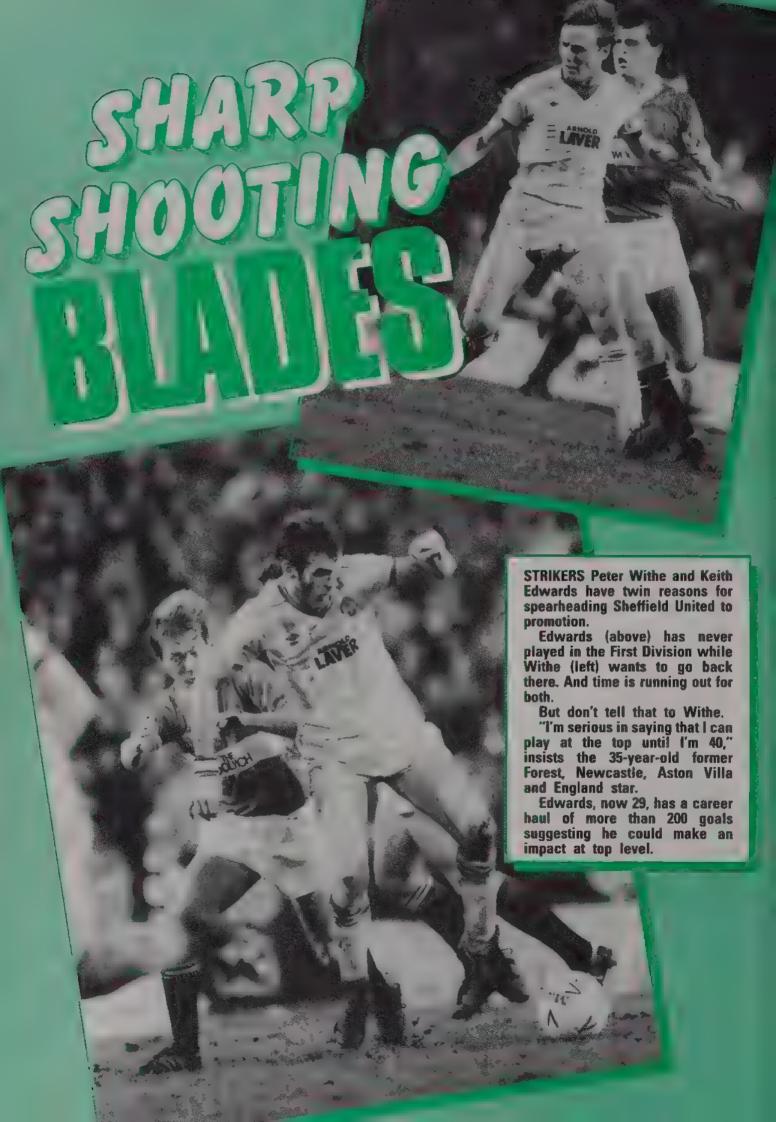
Analysis: Kendall was none to pleased when a transfer tribunal ruled he had to pay £800,000 for the England striker from Leicester. But within months it was clear that even at that price Everton had got themselves a bargain. Everton fans, unhappy with the sale of Gray, took time to accept Lineker, but 30 goals in his first seven months more than won them over. A lethal partnership with Graeme Sharp. PFA Player of the Year and Footballer of the Year in 1985-86.



THE KENDALL MEN

Players signed May 1981-March 1986

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Signed	Player	From	Fee	Hit or Miss			
July 91	Alan Biley	Derby	£350,000) Miss			
	Neville Southall	Bury	£150,000				
July 81	Mickey Thomas	Man. Utd.	£450,000				
Aug 81		Birmingham	£250,000				
Aug 81	Alan Ainscow	Blackburn	£175,00				
Aug 81	Jim Arnold		£280,00				
Aug 81	Mick Ferguson	Coventry	£60,00				
Aug 81	Mike Walsh	Bolton					
Jan 82	Adrian Heath	Stoke	£700,00				
June 82	Derek Mountfield	Tranmere	£30,00				
July 82	Andy King	WBA	£50,00				
Aug 82	David Johnson	Liverpool	£100,00				
Aug 82	Kevin Sheedy	Liverpool	£100,00				
Dec 82	Peter Reid	Bolton .	£60,00				
June 83	Alan Harper	Liverpool	£50,00				
	Trevor Steven	Burnley	£300,00				
Sept 83		Sheff. Útd.	£150,00				
Nov 83	Andy Gray	Wolves	£200,00	0 Hit			
May 84	Paul Bracewell	Sunderland	£250,00	0 Hit			
Sept 84		Birmingham	£100,00	0 Hit			
Nov 84	lan Atkins	Sunderland	£70,00	0 Hit			
Mar 85	Paul Wilkinson	Grimsby	£250,00				
		Rotherham	£150,00				
May 85		Leicester	£800,00				
June 85		Scunthorpe	£50,00				
Nov 85	Neil Pointon	Linfield	£40,00				
Dec 85	Darrin Coyle		£100,00				
Jan 86	Warren Aspinall	Wigan	2.100,00				



Young goalies are getting all the help they need from a Division One star



Chris Woods with young keepers at the PGL Goalkeeper School

FINDERS, KEEPERS!

England has traditionally been the home of top goalkeepers. Just lately it seems that the technique and ability of our young keeper is being overtaken by other countries. This is because goalkeeper coaching as opposed to practise is difficult to find for the enthusiastic kid.

For this reason PGL Soccer set up in 1980 the nations first goalkeeper school. Having set up the nations first soccer schools in the 70's and being part of the PGL group of companies (in 1986 over 50,000 youngsters enjoyed a PGL holiday) PGL was well placed to meet this need.

PGL director Kit Carson said "The results have been staggering. More than 3000 young keepers from every corner of the U.K. have been on our school." Letters received from young keepers and their parents show how much the courses are appreciated and for a few the coaching and PGL follow up has resulted in some 30 young keepers already signing with league

clubs. "In a few years time the league clubs will have PGL keepers in their first teams who owe everything to the PGL Goalkeeper School."

Top keepers such as Bruce
Grobbelaar, Ray Ciemence, Paul
Cooper, Paul Barron, Phil Parkes and
Dai Davies have lent a hand over the
years and the England international
keeper Chris Woods is the goalkeeper
consultant to PGL and coaches on all
the current PGL Goalkeeper Schools.
"What amazes me" said Chris "is the
fact that most young keepers have
never been coached at all in the art of
goalkeeping. They really are hungry
for knowledge and come back year
after year."

Chris Woods' ambition is to be the England number 1. But he and Kit Carson are hoping for the day when his rival for the England spot is a young PGL keeper from the goalkeeper school.

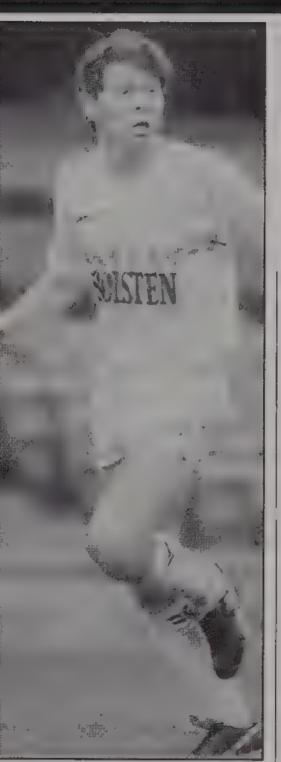


are the Champions

LIVERPOOL completed a fantastic 1985-86 season by becoming the first club in 15 years to achieve the League and F.A. Cup double. Here skipper Alan Hansen displays the F.A. Cup to an emotional Wembley crawd after their 3-1 victory over Merseyside rivals Everton.

Player-manager Kenny Dalglish receives the Championship trophy at Anfield.

King Kenny scores the goal that won the titleagainst Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on the last day of the leason.



Ithough there have always been players who shot to the top when still in their teens, there is no doubt that footballers mature at a much earlier age nowadays than they did 30, 40 or more years ago.

Arguably the most successful young player of the past couple of decades is Trevor Francis.

He made his debut for Birmingham City in September, 1970 at the age of 16 years 178 days and had the distinction of scoring four goals in a Second Division game two months before his 17th birthday.

Trevor became Britain's first £1million footballer at the age of 25.

An even younger player to attract big money is Spurs striker Clive Allen. He is the youngest British player ever

Laft: Clive Allen, a "millionaire" be lare he was 20. Right: Norman Whiteside became Britain's youngest international when he made his Northern Ireland debut in Yugoslavia.

transferred for a seven-figure fee. That was when he first moved from QPR to Arsenal in June, 1980 for £1,200,000 at the age of 19 years one month.

When Clive became Peter Shreeve's first signing for Spurs in August, 1984 his total of transfer fees had exceeded £2½million and he was still only three months past his 23rd birthday!

It's worth remembering that this Londoner scored a hat-trick in his first full game for QPR 22 days before his 18th birthday.

Another teenager to score a hat-trick in the Football League was Justin Fashanu who made his debut with Norwich City at the age of 16 years four months and got his first League goal less than two months later.

His initial League hat-trick came in a 5-1 victory over Stoke in August, 1980.

Nightmare

About this time Norwich valued Justin at nearly £2million, but when he moved to Nottingham Forest still a month short of his 20th birthday the price was £1million, a fee which made him the second youngest teenager to be transferred in Britain for a seven-figure fee. It was unfortunate that Justin had a nightmare experience with Forest.

Next to Clive Allen and Justin Fashanu the most expensive teenagers in British football have been Andy Ritchie, Steve MacKenzie and Remi Moses, each transferred for £500,000 before they were 20-years-of-age.

Brighton paid Manchester United that amount for Andy Ritchie's services in October, 1980. In August, 1981 Steve MacKenzie went from Manchester City to WBA, and a month later Albion sold Remi Moses to Manchester United.

None of these three players came to the fore at a younger age than Romford-born midfielder Steve MacKenzie. In July, 1979, when he was



only 17 and had still to make his League debut, Manchester City manager Malcolm Allison thought highly enough of his prospects to pay £250,000 for Steve's transfer.

An even younger player to attract a £250,000 fee was Oldham Athletic's striker Wayne Harrison. However, Wayne had made four appearances in the Football League when Liverpool clinched this player's transfer with Wayne less than two months past his 17th birthday. That was in January, 1985 when Liverpool loaned Wayne back to Oldham for a further two months.

In the 80's no player has matured more rapidly than Manchester United's powerful young Irishman Norman Whiteside. After making his League debut before his 17th birthday and scoring his first League goal eight days later he became Britain's youngest international when called upon by N. Ireland to play in Yugoslavia at the age of 17 years 42 days, only four months older than the great Pelé was when the Brazilian made his international debut.

Talking of internationals Luther Blissett was the youngest player to score a hat-trick in his first full England game (v Luxembourg at Wembley in

players destined to become teenage soccer stars



December, 1982) since Everton's Fred Pickering did so against the USA in May, 1964. Luther was aged 24 years nine months.

Making your international debut is certainly a nerve racking experience, but what more testing senior debut for any Scottish youngster than playing in a Rangers-Celtic derby? Rangers' John MacDonald not only made his debut in this particular fixture but also scored a goal in a 2-2 draw — age 18 years four months.

Deadly Derek

Another Rangers teenager to make his debut in this clash of the Auld Enemies was Derek Johnstone. He earned a place in the record books because he was still 11 days short of his 17th birthday when he made his debut for Rangers in the Scottish League Cup Final of 1970 and scored the winning goal against Celtic!

Other teenagers who scored when making their senior League debuts in recent years include Jason Dozzell for Ipswich Town v Coventry City, in February, 1984 (age 16 years 57 days). Terry Connor for Leeds United v WBA,



his 17th birthday), Paul McStay, Celtic v Aberdeen at Pittodrie, in January, 1982 (17 years three months), and Andy Gray, Dundee United v Dumbarton, in August, 1973 (17 years nine months).

At 21 years six months Andy Gray became the youngest player to top the First Division scoring list since Jimmy

This was with Aston Villa in 1976-77 when he actually tied for top place with Arsenal's Malcolm MacDonald, each with 25 goals.

We have, of course, just mentioned the greatest teenage goalscoring star of all time in Jimmy Greaves, a player who topped the First Division scoring

1958-59, getting most of his total of 32 League goals before his 19th birthday in February of that campaign.

Jimmy, who later went on to become a striking sensation with Tottenham and England, first scored as many as four goals în a First Division game (against Portsmouth at Stamford Bridge in a 7-4 Chelsea victory, Christmas Day 1977) at the age of 17 years 10 months.

However, comparisons between Jimmy Greaves and more recent young scoring stars would be unfair for Jimmy Greaves' talent was unique.

But what a fantastic target for any ambitious youngster with fame and fortune on his mind to set his sights on!

HARD-WORKING

The men who get the goals carry the heaviest burden in football. Here four of the best face a grilling on the game's most difficult job...

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Norwich

GARY LINEKER

Everton

When did you decide to become a striker?

In my first game as a schoolboy I
positioned myself up-front. Seeing
Geoff Hurst score a hat-trick in
England's 1966 World Cup win — I was
nine at the time — made me want to be
Uke him.

Ever since I can remember I've wanted to be a goalscorer. I was particularly encouraged by a schoolmaster, George Sims, and I'll always be grateful to him.

Do you still recall a great goal from early in your career? I was going through a lean period with Aston Villa. We were playing Birmingham City and there was 15 minutes to go. I let fly from the edge of their hax — and the ball shot into the top corner for the winner.

It may surprise you to know that I've never yet scored what I consider to be a great goal. That is, one that's hammered from outside the box into a top corner. All my goals so far have come from close range.

A recent one?

Norwich were playing Watford away and the boss expected a non-stop bombardment so he asked me to drop back to centre-half. I took Watford by surprise by pressing forward from the half-way line and driving a 30-yarder into their net. We drew 2-2.

As I've said I don't get great goals. But I was well pleased with the hat-trick I scored against Man. City last season.

What type of goal do you regard as your trademark?

Arriving at the near-post and either scoring from a glancing header or the side of a foot.

Before I came to Everton, it was running on to a through ball and slotting it home. Since I've been at Goodison I score more with my head.

Worst injury?

An ankle injury that once kept me sidelined for three months. Agony in every respect.

A grain strain from playing in a testimonial for Keith Burkinshaw forced me to drop out of England's South American tour in 1984.

Which keeper up you regard as the hardest to beat?

There are no easy 'keepers around. . And for me the hardest to face is young Peter Fox of Stoke City. I've never beaten him! Mind you, I'm grateful I don't have to try to get the ball past our Chris Woods.

It's got to be Peter Shilton, run close by Norwich City's Chris Woods, whose marvellous 'keeping restricted me to only one goal in a Super Cup tie last season.

Do you have special training?

We do a lot of close-in work at Norwich. Headers and side-foots from six to eight yards so that when a chance arises in a match we will react instinctively and not panic.

The emphasis at Everton is on perfecting strikers' finishing, probably the same at every other club. Keeping things simple is the watchword.

A lucky/unlucky ground?

I enjoy Upton Park where I've scored quite a few goals and rarely come off losing. Goodison Park is something of a jinx ground as I tend to waste chances there.

Anfield, home of Liverpool, a notorious graveyard for strikers. I opened the scoring there for Leicester in a 2-0 League win in December, 1984. Villa Park, though, has been unlucky for me, particularly when Leicester lost there in an F.A. Cup Semi.

STRIKERS

MICK HARFORD Luton

KERRY DIXON Chelsea

I began my career with Lincoln City in midfield. When a striker got injured I took his place up front — and I've been there ever since! My dad played as a striker for Coventry and Luton and later in non-League football where I watched him as a lad. Although he's taught me a lot, our styles are very different.

Could I ever forget the goal that kept Birmingham City in the First Division? The match was a last-gasp affair, against Coventry City away, and I scored in our one-nil win. I have mixed feelings about the goal I hit for Reading at Doncaster. I cut in from the left and drove the ball home with my right foot. It was one of four we scored. Trouble was, Doncaster got five!

It was a 30-yarder against Leicester City on New Year's Day, 1986, the first of a fantastic hat-trick. What a way to start the year! A cracking, perfectly-timed volley from a back-header by Pat Nevin in our 2-0 win over Ipswich at Portman Road last

The header at the far post. My trademark was featured in that hat-trick!

There isn't a typical Dixon goal in my opinion. My goals come in a variety of ways, but I feel I need to widen my rongo.

A hernia injury sustained with Birmingham put me out of the game for three long, long months. A severe pelvic injury put me out of action for two months at Reading.

The pair up on Merseyside — Bruce Grobbelser and Neville Southall — can be soul-destroying. But Watford's Tony Coton — my friend from Birmingham City days together — runs them close.

Peter Shilton is the master. If there's a finer number one in the World I haven't heard about him.

Yes — in the penalty box, where we practice shooting, turning, and selling "dummies".

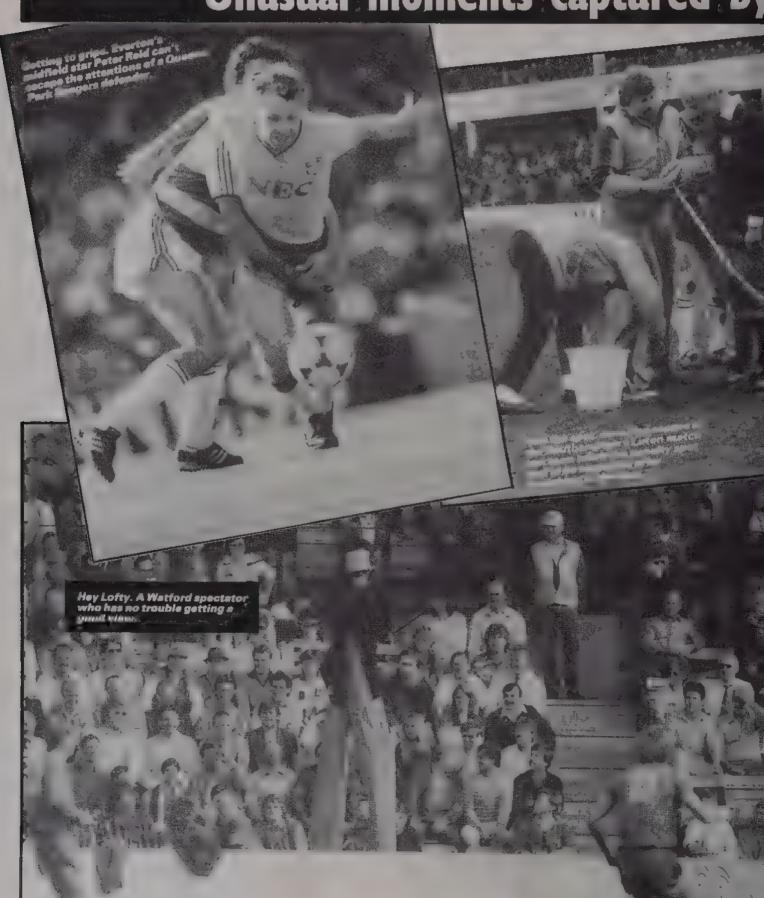
All aspects of a striker's role are worked on, with no accent on any particular skill.

I've always done well at St. James' Park, where I was once a player. The electric atmosphere there gives me a real lift. I never fael the same at Goodison Park! No ground stands out as being either lucky or unlucky for me. The breaks — good and bad — seem to even themselves out wherever I play.



GANDID

Unusual moments captured by



CAMERA

Shoot's roving photographer



A demolition jeb. An appropriate notice as Oxford fens celebrate their team's 4-1 victory at Chelsea last season.

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OXFORD United, who only 25 years ago were playing non-League football, made their first appearance at Wembley on April 20th, 1986 and convincingly beat favourites Queens Park Rangers to win the Milk Cup Final.

Exford took the lead in the 49th minute with a goal from Man of the Match Trevor Hebberd.

ONFORD'S

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Jeremy Charles makes victory a formality by accoring Oxford's late third goal.



Ray Houghton blasts the ball past Rangers keeper Paul Barron to put Oxford two up.

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EURO

Barcelona boss Terry Venables reflects on the utter despair of losing the European Cup Final to Steaua Bucharest in Seville. Bucharest's
Jordanescu (ieft) and
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with the European
Cup after their ship
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victory

Specials

in the party (white shorts) lines Spanish nearts by table in the UEFA Cup last season, heating in Cologue 5-3 on aggregate.

LAUGH



"Dedicated our lot. They train to the last minute."





"I saw it on telly, son — a forty yard header — I'm proud of you."



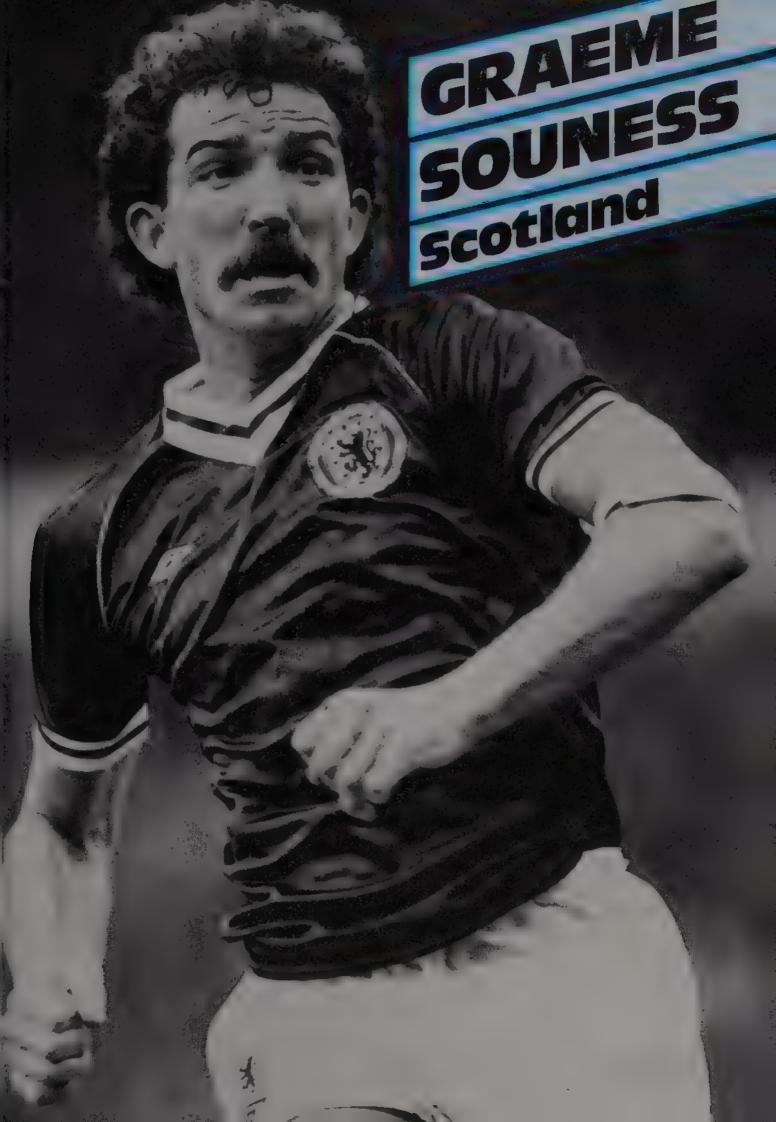
"Let's get there early, you said — and find a good spot."

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The day Coventry City allowed their dark haired young centre-forward, Mark Hateley, to leave the First Division and seek a new career with Portsmouth, they wrote a new chapter in the history of England's international progress. The big, lean and lethal striker made a instant impact in Division Two and following a successful summer tour with England in South America was finally snapped up by Italian giants AC Milan in the summer of 1984 Milan forked out £1 million, Hateley, son of

a famous striking father Tony, scored priceless goals — and enhanced his new international reputation with similar form for Bobby Robson. People recall the latter stages of England's World Cup Qualifying Group Three triumph when they struggled to find the devastating form demanded by the Wembley fans, but tend to forget the crucial goals he scored earlier — and the way he bravely shook off a nasty knee injury to sustain his vast popularity among the fanatical fans in Italy.



ALSTAN GRIDIRIDO DIGITA

Answers on page 125

Identify the mystery men









Dorchester 1st August, 1963 Berwick 21st September, 1963 Liverpool 20th November, 1961

Hillingdon 14th September, 1956

Defender

Midfield

Defender

Midfield

Oxford Utd

Burnley

Liverpool

Chelsea

Southampton March, 1982

£325,000 Everton signing, 1983

Norwich November, 1980 Manchester Utd, August 1979

England debut v Wales, May 1984 England debut v N. Ireland, Feb '85 England debut v Brazil, June 1984

England debut v Italy, May '76



artin Allen has finally stepped from the shadows of his better known cousins Clive and Paul and is now ready and able to meet Tottenham's big money stars on equal terms

Martin at 21 the baby of the trio, has worked hard to achieve the big

breakthrough

Rangers boss, Jim Smith, called Martin into the team early last season. He took the chance eagerly to earn rave reviews

But it was not easy for him in the early days, with all the headlines going to the other members of the family

"When I was trying to make my way as a young apprentice at Rangers, Clive and Paul were already big news. People were making comparisons and although it was not really fair I accepted it as inev table," says

"Clive had been involved in a £1m transfer to Arsenal and Paul made history as the youngest player ever to appear in an F A Cup Final -- with West Ham against Arsenal Then he made headlines with that move to Spurs in the summer of 1985

"So people were naturally looking to see what the third member of the family was capable of Hopefully I have been able to

Wembley dream

"I would really love to play against the other two in a Cup Final at Wembley

That would be a real highlight - a special occasion to stretch family loyalties!"
The brothers that produced this trio of

talented young players all have footballing backgrounds

Clive's lather, Les, was in the Tottenham team that did the double in 1961 and also played for Chelsea and QPR - where he had a spell as manager

Dennis Allen, father of Martin, played for Charlton and Reading and is now general manager at Exeter

Paul's Dad, Ron, seemed set for a until it was ended by promising career injury at a young age

The pressures I faced early on, trying to match the exploits of the other two, have now yone claims Martin

"I shall concentrate only on staying in the Rangers side and playing well If I do that I know there's every chance of making a name for myself "

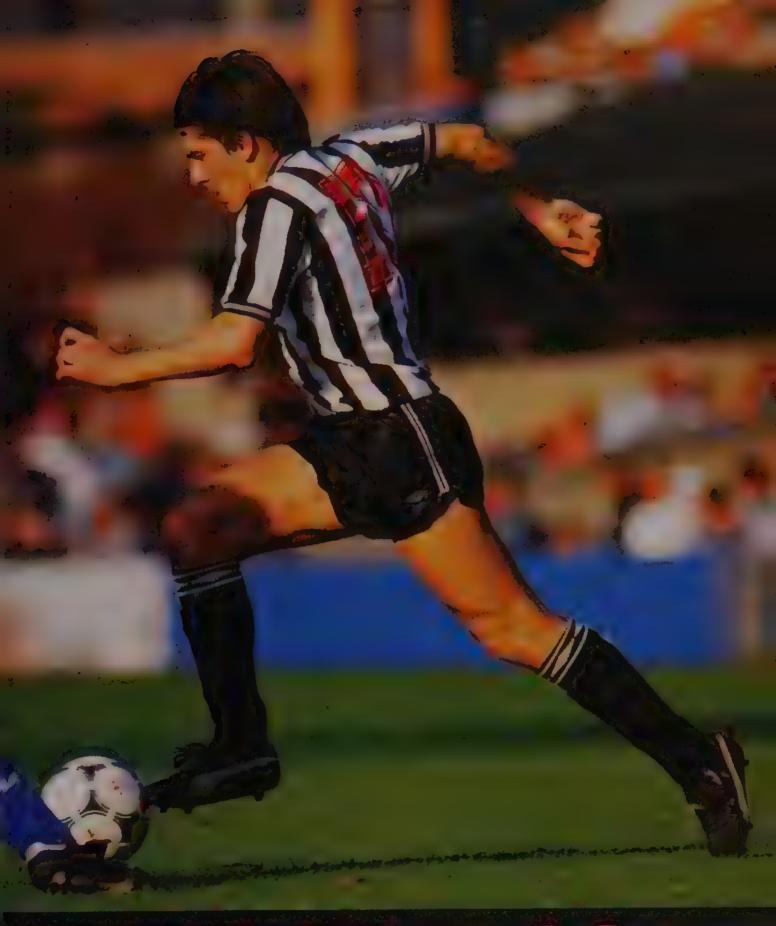
Smith describes Allen Mark 3 as a youngster always willing to listen and with a tremendous desire to do well. His attitude has impressed mela lot line says

TOP MARKS FOR BRENNAN

A sme top stars streamed away from Portinand Read in the wake of Bobby Roosen's appointment as England manager, Ipsych had to unearin a whole new crop of youngszers. One undoubted success is Mark Brennan (below in action against Tattenham's Tony Galvin). Apprentice Brennan became a First Division play-

er aged 18 and White no great shakes in the scoring stakes, displayed maturity and composure on the sall, derivening killer passes for Kesin Wilson, Mich D. Avrav and Jason Dozzell — another precocious product — as Town Iraitled for First Division and Market Parket Iraitled name to watch!





Bottler Beordsey

eter Beardley's switchback career finally settled in the North East where he established himself as one of Newcastle United's most exciting forwards But the Geordie-born striker had to see a good chunk of the football world before coming 'home', More than 100 League games for Carlisle club were followed by two spells with Canadian club Vancouver Whitecaps, either side of a brief time with Manchester United. But when the Magnies came in for him Beardsley saw off departing stars such as Kevin Keegan and Chris Waddle to become the idol of Tyneside.





Right: Davie takes on the Aussles in typical style.



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Barnes stormer

t took John Barnes a long time to live down that famous solo goal with which he devastated Brazil

In Rio back in June, 1984.

It sparked a 2-0 win for England, sealed by a superb header from Mark Hateley. The world talked of both young players long and loud. But while Hateley became a cult figure with AC Milan and scored vital goals in England qualification for Mexico, Barnes was forever being criticised for not producing similar moments of inspiration when

playing for his country

What the critics failed to appreciate is that such a goal comes, perhaps, once in a lifetime. Barnes had many sound and hard working games for Bobby Robson afterwards, but time and again he read hurtful words about his contribution. Fortunately, in Graham Taylor, he has a manager who knows how to lift his men. Taylor said: "John is the best orthodox winger in the game at the moment. No question." Who is arguing now?



Rejected by Doncaster and Now it's

FULL SPEEDIG



avid and his sidekick Kerry
Dixon are one of the deadliest
double acts in the country.
Ever since teaming up at Stamford
Bridge they have terrorised defenders
and goalkeepers in a blaze of goals.
But it hasn't always been plain
sailing. David admits: "Right at the
start of our partnership I used to give

Kerry some terrible stick.

Kerry some terrible stick.
"I felt he was shooting from false positions. He'd have been much better playing me in with a pass. We'd have got even more goals that way.
"It wasn't long, however, before we overcame the problems. We had to work hard at developing an understanding; it didn't just,happen

overnight.

"Now we know each other inside out. I think the fact that Kerry is such a big lad, while I'm smaller, makes us ideal partners.

"Little and Large if you like!"

When David was rejected by Doncaster Rovers he found himself in good company.

Because years earlier they had also shown the door to Kevin Keegan — he went on to captain England.

"I had trials at Everton as well as Doncaster," he recalls, "and the answer was the same on both occasions.

"They thought I was too small and that put them off. But, if anything, being

turned down made me all the more determined to make the grade. I wanted to prove them wrong." Eventually his luck changed and after a spell as a part-timer he was

after a spell as a part-timer he was given a two-year contract by Barnsley, at that time managed by Jim Iley.

He was a midfield player in those days and it wasn't until his second season with Darlington that he was switched to the firing line.

"I won the Player of the Year award at Darlington in my first season when I was playing in midfield," David remembers, "and I volunteered to give it a go up front when the regular strikers were injured.

"Everything clicked straightaway. I got 18 goals that year and I'm pleased to say I've been banging them in regularly ever since."

Don't let his Yorkshire accent fool you. David Speedie is Scottish through and through.

and through.
His fifth birthday was still some way off when his parents 'emigrated' South of the border from Fife where he was

The closure of the local coal mine put his father, Robert, out of work and rather than face up to life on the dole he decided on a move to England.

"But all the years I was growing up I never felt anything but Scottish," says David. "Dad was Rangers-daft and it was always my dream to play for Scotland."

That dream came true when David

Inat tream came due when pavid lined up against England at Hampden in May, 1985, and helped the Scots to a memorable 1-0 victory.

And the Hampden crowd was swelled by the presence of several members of the Speedie clan. "Most of my relatives are North of the border,"



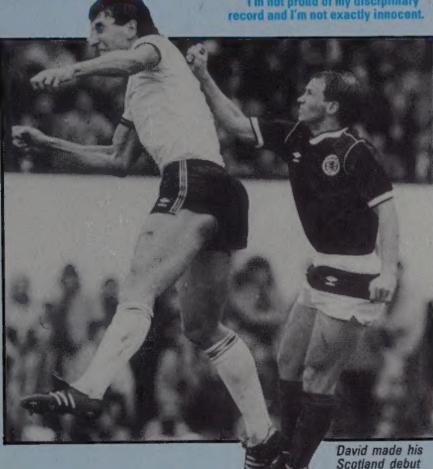
Everton.

Don't expect David edie to change his ways

Speedie to change his ways just because suspension has forced him on to the sidelines more than once.

"If I changed I'd be a different player. I don't think I'd be half as effective. And that could mean the end of my days with Chelsea and Scotland," he points out.

"I'm not proud of my disciplinary record and I'm not exactly innocent.



says David, "and it costs me a small

fortune to buy tickets for them all!" Former Chelsea chief John Neal is the man who put David on the road to

"I'll always be indebted to John," says the Stamford Bridge star. "He took me under his wing and made me a First

me under his wing and made me a risk
Division player.

"When Chelsea picked me up from
Darlington I thought I was a half decent
player, nothing more. I was ambitious,
of course, but without John Neal I
doubt if I'd have gone as far in the

doubt if I'd have gone as far in the game.

"We struggled a bit in my first season at Chelsea, mind you, and it was touch and go for a while whether we'd stay in the Second Division.

"But the following season there was a bit of a clear-out, Kerry Dixon arrived and we won the Second Division title.

"It was sad when John Neal stepped down but both the new manager, John Hollins, and his assistant, Ian McNeill, have a tremendous influence on my career and I really believe Chelsea can go from strength to strength in the

Some of the criticism that comes my

against England at

Hampden in May,

Some of the criticism that comes my way is deserved. I'll admit that.

"But a lot of it is over-exaggerated. I would never dream of committing a tackle that might put an opponent out of the game. I'm not malicious."

The 26-year-old goal ace would like nothing more than to discard the bad-boy image.

"People say I get involved in incidents that don't concern me but I won't just stand back and see team-mates clobbered. Of course it

won't just stand back and see team-mates clobbered. Of course it concerns me and I'm entitled to draw the referee's attention to it.

"But the people who label me a troublemaker have got it all wrong. From what I read in some papers I'm virtually a thug and that's rubbish.

"I'm enthusiastic, I hate to lose and maybe I get carried away now and again. But that's the way I am — and I'm not going to change!"

ANSWERS

Glory winners!

Clory Winners!

1. (a) Chris Woods (left) and Dave Watson. (b) Sunderland, Gordon Chisholm. (c) None, all English teams were banned from Europe. (d) They were both relegated to Division Two.

2. (a) Norman Whiteside. (b) He was the first player to be sent off in a F.A. Cup Final. (c) 1976 v Southampton, 1977 v Liverpool, 1979 v Arsenal, 1983 v Brighton, 1985 v Everton. (d) European Cup Winners' Cup. (e) Peter Reid.

3. (a) European Cup Winners' Cup, Real Madrid. (b) John Hewitt. (c) Willie Miller. (d) Everton, 1985. Everton, 1985. 4. (a) Peter Withe. (b) German. (c) Jimmy

Kimmer.
5. (a) Paolo Rossi. (b) Goatkeeper. (c) Brazil.
6. (a) Borussia Moenchengladbach, 3-1. (b)
Kevin Keegan. (c) Nottingham Forest. (d) Man.
United, Bobby Charlton.
7. (a) S.V. Hamburg, Kevin Keegan and Ian
Bowyer. (b) Peter Shilton. (c) 1979, Trevor
Francis. (d) True.
8. (a) Frank McGarvey. (h) It was his lest came.

8. (a) Frank McGarvey. (b) It was his last game for Caltic before joining St. Mirran. (c) Mark McGhen.

Puzzle Time Soccer Search

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(1) Mabbutt. (2) Moses. (3) Birmingham. (4) Ken Brown. (5) Mirren. (6) Varadi. (7) Keeper. (8) ... Bloomfield. (9) Portsmouth. (10) Stevens. (11) Maine. (12) Whelan. (13) Extra. (14) Aberdeen. (15) Hand. (16) Liverpool. (17) Rams. VICARAGE ROAD (Watford)

Identical

Numbers 1 and 4.

Birthplace 1. Llandudno. 2. Ealing (London). 3. St. Asaph (Flint).

Signed up Peter Grant.

Mystery Man Mark Hughes (Barcelona).

Hat-tricks

(Jimmy) Greaves — Norway. (Malcolm) Macdonald — Cyprus. (Geoff) Hurst — West Germany. (Bryan) Robson — Turkey.

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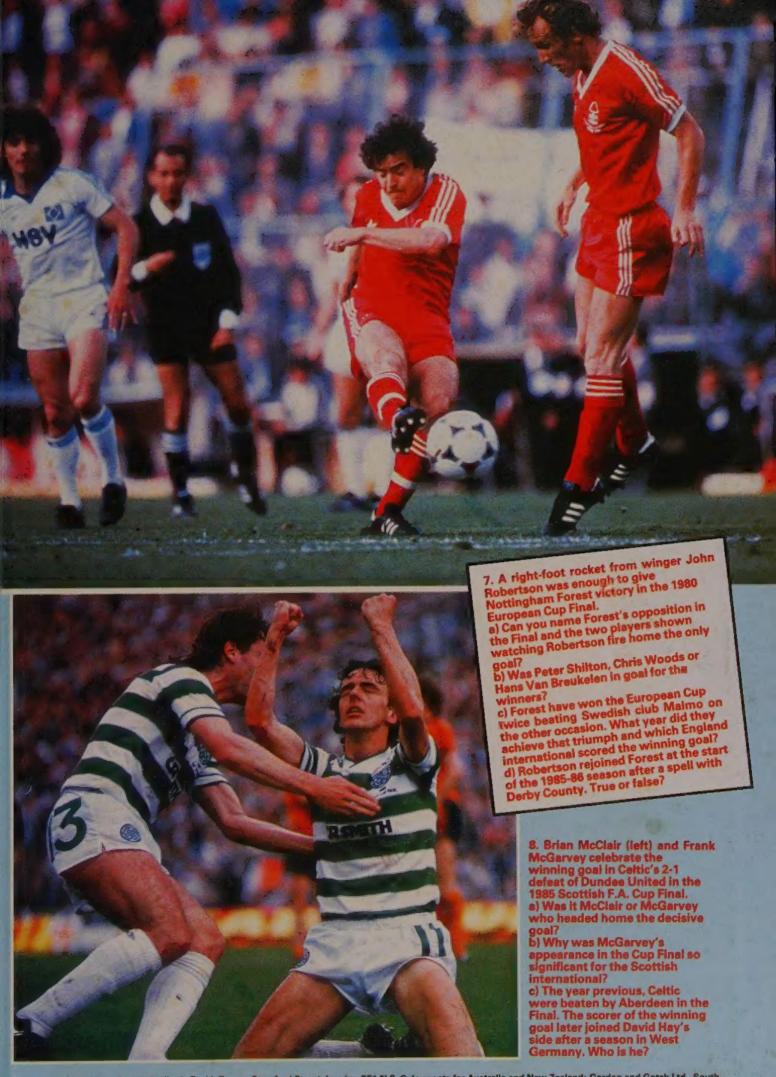
1. The late Bill Shankly, manager of Liverpool.

2. Clive Allen. 3. Pele. 4. Kevin Keegan. 5.
Berwick Rangers. 6. Brazil and Italy. 7.
Kilmarnock. 8. 44 days. 9. Nonel 10. H. (Bert)
Turner. 11. Turin. 12. True. QPR in 1967 and
Swindon in 1969. 13. Justin. He is 19 months
older than brother John. 14. Mike England. 15.
Yes. It. 1985, when Celtic beat Dundee United
at Hampden Park. 16. The European Cup
Winners' Cup. 17. Stewart Robson. 18. 200,000.
19. They have all won the First Division
Championship twice. 20. Sheffield
Wednesday. 21. Ipswich Town. 22. Watford.
23. Sir Stanley Matthews. 24. Ian Rush. 25.
Mike Channon. 26. Danny McGrain. 27.
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28. West Ham United. 29. Real Madrid. 30
Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland.

Was it a goal? 1. Yes. Z. No. 3. No. 4. Yes. 5. No. 6. No.

Mark Wright, Trevor Steven, Dave Watson. Ray Wilkins.





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